

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Beaver Fire
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Norwood, Colo. – Fire crews continued to make significant progress on the Beaver Fire Tuesday. Weather conditions remained stable throughout the day; however fire officials are expecting warmer, dryer conditions today with an increase in winds. Crews will continue to secure the perimeter of the fire and monitor areas of fire within the fire perimeter.

There is a high potential for falling trees along the San Miguel River in the fire area. The river is open from the south to the Beaver Recreation Area and north of the fire's location. The river remains closed through the fire zone. Hwy 145 remains open, however travelers are asked to use caution due to ongoing fire operations along the river corridor.

Incident Commander Todd Pechota, and members of the Incident Management Team, met with local officials and citizens on Tuesday to share the current status of the Beaver Fire. He commented that “the Incident Management Team is working with the public land managers and San Miguel County officials to control the fire and to continue to provide for firefighter and community safety.” Fire officials are working with the land management agencies to plan for rehabilitation of the suppression efforts.

The fire size has been downsized to 2,525 acres due to crews being able to obtain more detailed information about the burned areas on the north and west of Hwy 145. Of the 2,525 acres burned, 2,091 acres are on land managed by the Norwood Ranger District (USFS) and 434 acres on lands managed by the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM).

No structures have been damaged or are currently threatened. There have been no injuries on the fire.

Beaver Fire Statistics at a Glance:

- **Time/Date Started:** May 22, 2010 approximately 3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Norwood, Colorado
- **Cause:** Downed Power Line
- **Estimated Cost:** \$510,000
- **Fuels:** Pinyon –Juniper, mixed conifer, grass-sage
- **Size:** 2,525 acres
- **Containment:** 40%
- **Resources Committed:**
4 type one crews, 1 type two crews, 1 type one helicopter, 1 type three helicopter, 15 engines, 5 dozers, 6 water tenders, 280 personnel.

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