



Rocky Mountain Blue Team

Hayden Pass Fire

July 13, 2016, 10:00 PM

Community Meeting:

Thursday: Custer County HS East Gym at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Closures & Advisories:

See Fremont County Sheriff's Office Facebook, or call their office at 719-276-5555

Fire Size Today:

12,836 acres

Containment:

0%

Total Personnel:

442

Location:

20 miles Southeast of Salida, Colorado

Started:

07/08/16

Management: Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Summary:

The fire's eastern sector changed behavior, responding to shifting winds that became westerly. The northern perimeter of the fire remains 1.5 miles from the town of Coaldale.

Aircraft operations continued into the evening as late as aircrew safety and effective operations would allow. Helicopter water bucket drops will resume tomorrow in the Hayden Creek and Big Cottonwood drainages to bolster the point protection efforts that have been ongoing this week. Dozers and hand crews continue to build fire lines to minimize the spread of fire on to private property.

Weak monsoonal moisture will begin to move into the area late tomorrow afternoon, bringing small chances of dry thunderstorms. Temperatures will remain in the low 80's with humidity similar to today.

Crews are actively suppressing the fire outside of the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness utilizing structure defense, direct and indirect fire control strategies. Helicopters and a VLAT are being used to support these strategies. Firefighting resources are shifted as priorities are completed and new risks are prioritized. Firefighters will continue to suppress the fire using resources and tactics to minimize firefighter risk with the highest probability of success.

The fire continues to burn in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness. Crews are not currently engaging the fire within the wilderness due to complex terrain causing safety concerns; rather, they will closely monitor fire movement and assist Forest Service staff by informing recreationists of area closures.

Contact the Fremont and Custer County Sheriffs for up-to-date information about evacuation notices.

A public meeting to inform citizens about current and expected fire suppression operations will be held at the Custer County East Gym at 2:00 pm tomorrow. Doors open at 1:30.

Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4849/>

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Fire Information: 719-315-1625