



Rocky Mountain Blue Team

Hayden Pass Fire

July 18, 2016, Morning Update

Summary:

Closures & Advisories:

See Fremont County Sheriff's Office Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/FremontCountySheriffsOffice/
or call the Evacuation Center at:
719-276-5533

Fire Size:

16, 414 acres

Containment:

30%

Total Personnel:

908

Location:

20 miles Southeast of Salida, CO

Started:

07/08/16

Management:

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

The Fremont County Sheriff today announced that evacuated residents from the Big Cottonwood County Road 40, Fox Creek, Mosher Creek, and Eagle Peak subdivisions will be allowed to return to their homes on Tuesday morning, July 19 at 8 a.m. Prior to returning to their homes, evacuated residents must register with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office to receive an access pass. A registration event for evacuated residents only, will be held at Cotopaxi High School today from 4-8 p.m., and tomorrow 8 a.m-12 p.m., for those who could not attend. Registration will continue tomorrow afternoon at the Howard Fire Department. Evacuees need to bring their official ID. A video with a full explanation can be found on Facebook at "Fremont County Sheriff's Office."

Firefighters on the south section of the fire will build hand lines in the area of Rainbow Lake and Rocky Wulsten Baldy outcropping. Crews on the east flank will address the unburned areas for new hot spots. Extensive work continues in Hayden Creek as crews are evaluating hot spots in narrow ravines. The fire continues to smolder and slowly progress in the wilderness area to the west.

Today's weather will bring temperatures around 77 degrees, with a relative humidity of 20%. Firefighters are expecting mild winds, with west-southwest winds gusting to 15 mph. The forecast brings a mostly cloudy outlook and a 60% chance of thunderstorms.

The public is cautioned to be on the lookout for animals displaced by fire. Be especially aware of the deer, bighorn sheep and mountain goats moving downhill into the quieter valley floor at all hours of the day and night. Dead standing trees will increasingly be likely to fall and be a hazard to be aware of.

Management Team Objectives

Incident objectives for the Hayden Pass Fire focus on firefighter and public safety as the top priority. The fire managers will ensure all actions are based on the probability of success while minimizing exposure to firefighters and the public. They will minimize the impact to identified values at risk, such as threatened properties, key power and communications utility structures, and endangered species. Wilderness integrity will be maintained by following Agency policy and Land Management Plan guidance. Stakeholder, permittee, cooperator and agency relationships are important, as is providing consistent and timely public information.

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

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HaydenPassFire/>

Fire Information: 719-315-1625