



Rocky Mountain Blue Team

Hayden Pass Fire

July 19, 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:

35%

Total Personnel:

847

Location:

20 miles Southeast of Salida, CO

Started:

07/08/16

Management:

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

This morning evacuated residents from the Big Cottonwood County Road 40, Fox Creek, Mosher Creek, and Eagle Peak subdivisions were allowed to return to their homes starting at 8 a.m. Registration is required before returning to their homes. To receive an access pass today residents should go to Cotopaxi High School between 8-12pm. Evacuees need to bring their official ID. A video with a full explanation can be found on Facebook at "Fremont County Sheriff's Office."

Extensive work continues on Hayden Creek Pass as crews evaluate heat in narrow ravines. Elsewhere on the fire, firefighters continue to patrol and mop up hot spots. Fire continues to smolder and slowly progress in the wilderness area. Internal spots will continue to burn within the fire perimeter. Many firefighters are beginning to demobilize, including some structural protection engines as the threat from the fire diminishes. Remaining firefighters will be working on rehabilitation of the fire lines by grass seeding, chipping brush, installing water bars, and assisting evacuees returning home. Water barring is a process of installing trenches to prevent soil erosion.

Today's weather will bring temperatures of 80-85 degrees, with a relative humidity of 20-25%. Firefighters are expecting strong gusting winds coming out of the southwest this afternoon. There is a 60% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon diminishing to 20% overnight.

Starting today there will be only one daily Hayden Pass Fire news release.

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.nwccg.gov/incident/4849/>

Twitter: @HaydenPassFire

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

Fire Information: 719-315-1625