



Rocky Mountain Blue Team

Hayden Pass Fire

July 21, 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:

50%

Total Personnel:

589

Location:

20 miles Southeast of Salida, CO

Started:

07/08/16

Management:

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Residents evacuated by the Hayden Pass Fire along County Road 6 will be allowed to return to their homes starting at 8:00 a.m. today. The structure protection group continues to haul sprinklers, hoses and pumps back to base camp as homeowners return home. Residents will continue to see smoke from the interior of the fire until the area receives significant precipitation.

Crews continue to mop-up hot spots within a couple hundred feet of firelines and "cold trail" (using bare hands to detect smoldering subsurface heat) along sections of the lower fire perimeter. On cooler sections of the fire's edge, crews are rehabilitating hand and dozer lines by installing water bars, seeding bare ground and chipping accumulations of fireline slash.

Fire crews will require fewer helicopters and airplanes for support today, but will continue to use them to cool remaining hot spots on the edges and interior of the fire. Over 1.2 million gallons of water has been dropped by planes and helicopters in suppression efforts.

Today's weather will be slightly warmer and drier than yesterday. High temperatures for the day will be 85-90 degrees, with a minimum relative humidity of 20-25%. Firefighters are expecting light winds, 5-10 mph from the west, with the possibility of strong and erratic winds near thunderstorms. There is an 80% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon.

Aircraft and ground crews will continue to monitor the leading upper edges of the fire as they burn into the headwaters of Big Cottonwood Creek in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness.

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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Fire Information: 719-315-1625