



Rocky Mountain Blue Team

Hayden Pass Fire

July 22, 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:

16,489 acres

Containment:

55%

Total Personnel:

470

Location:

20 miles Southeast of Salida, CO

Started:

07/08/16

Management:

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Air and ground observers 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. Residents can expect to see smoke columns rising from the wilderness edges of the fire and from unburned islands of vegetation within the interior of the fire. These smoke columns will be most notable in the afternoons and will likely continue until the area receives significant precipitation.

Fireline supervisors will call in helicopters and airplanes as needed to support ground crews in extinguishing any remaining hot spots near the firelines or to reduce the intensity and spread of flare-ups within the interior of the fire.

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. The structure protection group continues to dismantle sprinklers, hoses and pumps from around homes and haul equipment back to base camp

Today's weather will be similar to yesterday's. High temperatures for the day will be 85-90 degrees, with a minimum relative humidity of 15-20%. Firefighters are expecting light winds, 5-10 mph from the southwest, with the possibility of strong and erratic winds near thunderstorms. There is a 90% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and evening.

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