

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Eightmile Fire
Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 8:00 am

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Eightmile Fire FINAL Update-Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Cañon City, Colo.—The weather was very cooperative for crews out on the fire line yesterday. They continued mop up efforts and patrolling for hotspots close to the fire line. The Eightmile Fire is located approximately six miles northeast of Cañon City, Colorado. The fire is currently 528 acres and 65 percent of the perimeter that can be contained is 100 percent contained.

The Phantom Fire was reported yesterday one mile west of the Eightmile Fire perimeter. A Type I hand crew responded to the area and was able to construct line around the fire with help from air resources. Today the area will be patrolled by engines. The cause of this new start is unknown at this time.

Today the majority of the crews that are assigned to the Eightmile Fire will be released and in route back to their home units. The Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team B will be transitioning the management of the fire back to a local Type IV team at 6:00 am Thursday, July 3, 2014. There will be one wildland fire use crew, two engines, and a helicopter that will remain with the fire. “The team’s goal when coming into a community is to not only bring order to the chaos of the fire but to make sure that the relationships in and around the communities affected by the fire are taken care of as well” said Incident Commander Dan Dallas of the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team B. “We appreciate and are thankful for the partnerships that were made when here in 2013 for the Royal Gorge Fire.

Eightmile Fire Statistics at a Glance:

- **Time/Date Started:** June 23, 2014 at 5:10 pm.
- **Location:** 6 miles northeast of Cañon City, Colorado
- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Fuels:** Piñon, Juniper, Ponderosa Pine, Gambel Oak
- **Size:** 524 acres
- **Containment:** 65% of the perimeter that can be contained is 100% contained
- **Resources:** 4 Type 1 Hand crews; 2 Type 2 Hand Crew; 4 Type 6 Engines; 1 Type 1 Helicopter; 2 Type 3 Helicopters; Air Attack; 2 SEATS; Total Personnel 262
- **Injuries:** 1 heat related injury
- **Closures:** County Road 67 (Phantom Canyon Road) at MM 4.5-MM 12.1

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