



Beaver Creek Fire

August 3, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson Co. Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

34,090 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

18%

241 Firefighters:

4 crews, 23 engines, 2 dozers and 5 helicopters and 1 air attack plane

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16; The cause of the fire is actively being investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary:

Weather complicated Tuesday's suppression operations. Thunderstorms moved into the area early in the day, bringing with them shifting winds and strong outflows up to 35 miles per hour. Temperatures ranged from 75 to 80 degrees, with relative humidity of 20 percent. The high temperatures and low humidity drew moisture from the dead and down beetle kill, as well as the sage and grass, making these fuels more readily available to burn.

The fire continued to burn actively near Wills Reservoir. The previously reported spot fire in the Holroyd Park area on the Wyoming side of the border also grew to the north.

Crews continued to strengthen structure protection on the far eastern flank of the fire. Aggressive burning operations were initiated to contain and suppress the fire, prevent it from traveling across the Platte River and further protect structures. Two Type 1 heavy helicopters flew numerous missions dropping water to suppress the fire. These operations were successful in preventing the fire from crossing the Platte River.

As night fell, relief crews moved into position to monitor the fire and protect structures through the night.

Today crews will be working in the Parsons Draw and Trophy Mountain Ranch areas to insure that no hot spots remain that might threaten structures.

Additional resources will be allocated to complete burn operations at the eastern edge of the fire and to ensure that structural protection measures are in place at properties in the area.

Incident Commander Mike Quesinberry congratulated firefighters on the quality of their work and urged them to remain vigilant and maintain their situational awareness. "Firefighter and public safety remain the top priority on the Beaver Creek Fire."

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