



Beaver Creek Fire

August 4, 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:

34,677 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

18%

239 Firefighters:

3 crews, 23 engines, 2 dozers and 5 helicopters, 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:

For the first time in over a week the weather forecast holds the promise of conditions that may decrease fire activity. Storm cells moving in from the south should provide significant cloud cover, reducing the amount of radiant energy directed on the fire. The possibility exists for rainfall in the fire area. Winds, which have been predominately from the northwest, will shift and come from the southeast. Temperatures will be lower, 72 to 78 degrees and relative humidity will be 20 to 27 percent.

Fire crews will take advantage of this lull in fire behavior to focus on strengthening structure protection in those areas that could potentially be threatened by the fire in the future. They'll prep structures at Shaffer's Ranch and the Helena Bridge to the south of the fire and structures in the Holroyd Park area on the Wyoming side to the north.

Work will continue in the Parsons Draw Area, with crews mopping up around the structures to ensure there are no hot spots that might reignite and threaten homes.

Due to cloud cover, the infrared (IR) flight has been unable to obtain accurate readings of the fire perimeter. The Colorado Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA) will be used today to gather additional information.

Many incoming calls to the Public Information Phone Line (307-223-2291) have been from people asking for information about camping and hunting in the area. It is important to understand that the fire has affected only a small portion of Jackson county and that there are still many recreational opportunities available in the area. In short the message is that "Jackson County is Open for Business."

The Incident Commander, Mr. Mike Quesinberry spoke to firefighters this morning about complacency. "Today we will have cloud cover and decreased fire activity, but that doesn't mean we can let down our guard. Firefighter and public safety remain our top priority"

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Fire Information 307-223-2291

Media Information Line 307-223-2220



