



Beaver Creek Fire

July 8, 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: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Evacuation orders remain in place

Fire Size Today:

13,642 acres

Containment:

5%

148 Firefighters:

3 crews, 10 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden

Fire is being managed on the Routt National Forest, BLM Independence Mountain and State of Colorado lands

Started:

6/19/16 Cause is being actively investigated: Information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Management: Western Colorado Interagency—Team B Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

The fire is continuing its growth to the east of Wheeler Creek and remains on the west side of Independence Mountain. Crews have been working along the 35 Road to enhance the area so that it can be used as a possible containment line. Prep work has included thinning trees and vegetation along the roadway so that it reduces the potential for the fire to jump the roadway. Possibly beginning this afternoon, dependent upon actual weather conditions, firefighters may begin to conduct burnout operations along the roadway to further reduce fuels if conditions are in their favor. There is also the possibility of using a helicopter to put fire onto the ridge top so that it can back down hill overnight at a lower intensity. If either of these operations is initiated, expect to see an increase in smoke coming from the eastern flank of the fire.

Structure preparation and protection continues in the Three Mile drainage and along the 600 Road. Crews continue to patrol around the residences, looking for and extinguishing any hot spots.

On the western edge of the fire, it continues to move slowly into the Mount Zirkel Wilderness, west of Big Creek Lakes. Based on the infrared data from Wednesday night's flight, the fire has burned 172 acres within the Wilderness.

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