



Beaver Creek Fire

July 9, 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:

14,244 acres

Containment:

5%

145 Firefighters:

2 crews, 11 engines, 1 dozer and 3 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden

Fire is being managed on the Routt National Forest, BLM Kremmling Field Office 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:

Activity on the Beaver Creek Fire picked up yesterday afternoon due to drying of fuels, abundant sunshine, lower humidity and light winds. This increase took place on the eastern perimeter, west of the 35 Rd., the northwest corner near the 80 Rd. and in the southern perimeter of the fire area near the 609 Rd. This increased activity is expected to continue today.

Firefighters continued to perform work along the 35 Rd. in order to improve it's potential for holding the fire on the west side of the road. They conducted a successful small strategic burning operation at the intersection of the 35 Rd. and the BLM 2503 Rd. If conditions are right today, firefighters will continue with this strategic firing operation to the north along the west side of 35 Rd. which will produce visible smoke. If this operation is carried out, it will strengthen and enhance the work already completed. This operation will also assist with slowing the fire before it reaches the road.

Work also continues with prepping and defending structures along the 600 Rd. and patrolling for spot fires in the area. Evaluation of and preparation of structures will continue in Parsons Draw as well as evaluating and preparing structures near Big Creek Lake.

Firefighter safety is the number one concern. The fire is burning in heavy amounts of beetle killed timber which is susceptible to falling unexpectedly; combined with the large amount of downed timber, this creates a very hazardous environment for firefighters to be working in. Due to these safety concerns, the Incident Management Team is allowing the natural process of the fire to occur while focusing their resources on the values at risk. This indirect suppression strategy provides for firefighter safety, the protection of life and property, and improving forest health while engaging the fire on our terms.

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