



Beaver Creek Fire

August 7, 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 County Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

35,317 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

28%

282 Firefighters:

4 crews, 28 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 2 feller bunchers and 5 helicopters, 1 air attack aircraft

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 being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary: The majority of the Beaver Creek Fire along the Colorado/Wyoming border remained under cloudy skies yesterday. Some area of the fire experienced an increase in fire activity from previous days due to rising temperatures

Weather: Fire activity is expected to increase today in interior pockets on the fire over the next few days. It is expected that this trend could continue as the relative humidity drops back into the teens, temperatures rise and the chance of precipitation decreases. Warm breezy conditions will continue during this warming trend.

Structure Protection: Fire crews are continuing to reassess structure protection in the eastern and southeastern portions of the fire where numerous structures are present. In some of the more secure areas, equipment such as hose and sprinklers may be moved to other areas where the need is more critical.

Today: Dozer line repair has begun on the southern and western sides of the fire. Structure protection will remain in place as long as there is a threat to resources. The northwest corner of the fire area remains active and continues to eat away at the heavy dead and down fuels.

The northern edge of the fire, near the 798 road, remains challenging for firefighters and structure protection remains in place for all structures. A masticator line has been completed from just south of the Wyoming/Colorado state line to Henry Creek. This line would provide a fallback position should the fire breach the 498/798 roads.

The Southeastern side of the fire continues to pare down on some resources, moving them to other areas of the fire where they are needed.

Across the southern end of the fire, suppression continues in areas where resources can safely get to the fire's edge. There will be fire activity in the interior as many stringers of dead and down fuels from the beetle kill burn as the day heats up.

NOTE: There will be a community meeting in Walden on Wednesday, August 10th at the Jerelin Wattenberg Event Center, Jackson County Fairgrounds. More details will be shared as they are finalized.

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