



Beaver Creek Fire

August 13, 2016, 9:00 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:

35,666 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

41%

220 Firefighters:

2 crews, 23 engines, 3 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher, 4 helicopters, 3 water tenders

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: Firefighters continue to focus efforts in the northeast finger of the fire just north of the Colorado/Wyoming state line where the fire has the greatest potential for growth. Yesterday a safety zone was created in this area, allowing them to get closer to the fire's edge safely. Trees are being reported as falling routinely across roads, and in fire areas posing grave danger to firefighters. Active fire was reported in the eastern half and northeast section of the fire. A helicopter dropped water on a few hot spots near the Parson's Draw area to cool a few remaining hotspots. The fire grew minimally yesterday.

Weather: While below freezing temperatures were experienced across the fire area, relative humidities remained extremely low. This means the areas that were burning yesterday will continue, and will be more active even earlier in the day today. Wind speeds should be lower, decreasing chances that new spot fires will occur.

Structure Protection: Assessment of structures was completed yesterday. This assessment is plugging information into a standardized database that will include geographical coordinates, photos, and evaluation criteria that will quickly tell firefighters how defensible each property is, including vegetation around structures, and safe opportunities for getting fire equipment into and out of individual properties.

Today: Work will continue in the northeast portion of the fire in Wyoming to strengthen a series of firelines north of Big Creek Road, otherwise known as Forest Service Road 498. Multiple firelines in the area will provide obstacles to the fire's growth if it should spot into these areas.

An infrared flight occurred last night pinpointing heat sources in a few places throughout the fire. These areas will be evaluated this morning. Monitoring and patrol, as well as removal of water hoses and pumps from around structures deemed to be in good shape will continue.

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