



Beaver Creek Fire

August 14, 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.nwccg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

35,747 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

41%

199 Firefighters:

2 crews, 15 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher, 3 helicopters, 2 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: Fire activity increased early in the day due to poor humidity recovery. Fire fighters reported an increase in burning on the western flank and northeast corner of the 57 day old Beaver Creek Fire. A spot fire ignited north of Forest Service Road 408 and resulted in short runs with single trees torching in a managed timber area. Aerial resources will be working that area to stem the spread.

The fire moved into the main drainage south of Forest Service Road 498, where firefighters continue working on improving containment lines to the north. Suppression repair continues on dozer and hand lines. Reconnaissance near a residence on the eastern flank revealed smoke near pockets of remaining unburned fuels; crews will continue to monitor this and take action if needed.

The fire continues to grow slowly. Smoke persists throughout the interior of the fire perimeter.

Weather: Lower humidities will result in drier fuels, causing increased fire behavior. Winds were relatively calm, with ridge top winds gusting to 20 mph. A continued warming trend settles in over the next several days, becoming dry and unstable on Monday. Expect to see active fire behavior due to the Haines Index increasing to 6. The Haines Index is used to indicate the potential for wildfire growth by measuring the stability and dryness of the air over a fire. The Haines Index can range between 2 and 6. The drier and more unstable the lower atmosphere is, the higher the index.

Today: Firefighters will concentrate in the northeast section near Forest Service Road 498, continuing to monitor, patrol, and secure the containment line. Suppression repair continues across impacted areas, consisting of road rehabilitation, hazard tree removal, and dozer line improvement. Firefighters will evaluate potential mop up operations on the southeast ridge line.

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