



Beaver Creek Fire

August 16, 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:

36,435 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

44%

191 Firefighters 2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher and 3 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: Yesterday, weather proved to be challenging for fire crews working to hold firelines around the Big Creek Road, (Forest Service Road 498). The fire remains south of the road, but did spot over one fireline. The spot is still contained behind an additional contingency line, and firefighters will work to strengthen that line. Eastern and southern areas of the fire saw minimum to moderate fire activity and work there is focused on mopping up hot spots, patrolling and rehabilitating impacts from fire suppression activities. Most of the structure protection equipment has been removed from cabins in that area. The eastern side of the fire continues to move slowly to the east, but is generally hampered by winds and steep, rocky uphill terrain.

A new fire, called the Broadway Fire, was found day before yesterday, a holdover from lightning received throughout the area almost a week ago. It is estimated at 30 acres and located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately 4 miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming.

Weather: Thunderstorms brought gusty and erratic winds yesterday with light rains to the area. Today, temperatures should be in the lower 70s. Winds are expected to be out of the west at 10-15 mph with gusts to 30 mph. A 20% chance of rain showers are expected in the afternoon.

Today: Moderate fire behavior is expected today with most activity in dead and down beetle killed timber in the interior of the fire. Smoke will likely be visible across the area.

Firefighters will continue to monitor and patrol for spot fires on the northern portions of the fire, while firefighters on the southern and western sides of the fire repair forest roads, dozer lines, remove hazard trees along roads and back haul equipment not being used into the incident base. Smoke will remain in stringers of unburned fuels as fuels heat up.

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