



Beaver Creek Fire

August 22, 2016, 9:00 am

FIRE ACTIVITY HEATS UP

At a Glance...

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Started: 6/19/16. The fire was human-caused and is being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

*Fire Size:

37,005 acres (209)
37,170 Acres (IR flight)

Containment:

53%

Resources:

238 Firefighters, 2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller bencher, 4 helicopters, 4 water tenders

The Helena Bridge and Ike's Cabin were successfully defended today with helicopter water drops when the fire threatened to move in that direction.



Interior burning on the east side of the Beaver Creek Fire seen from Road 125 around 2 p.m.

**The 209, or Incident Status Summary, reflects acreage reported yesterday morning. The infrared (IR) acreage reflects acres mapped on last night's infrared flight and reported this morning.*

Increased fire activity occurred on the Beaver Creek Fire as anticipated today. After a relatively inactive morning, the fire started putting up smoke in several different areas. Unburned fuels within the perimeter of the fire dried out under clear skies and the fire became more active. Most of the smoke that was visible from the fire area was coming from the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness. Firefighters continued work on mop up and repair operations across the fire, while helicopters flew almost continuous missions for four hours delivering water to cool the fire around hot spots and stop it where it moved briefly onto the sagebrush flatlands yesterday afternoon.

On the eastern side of the fire, crews are working closely with landowners to repair damage caused by suppression activities earlier during the fire. Heavy equipment is being used to repair and grade roads. The dozers are close to completing their work in Parson's Draw. Efforts continue to fully suppress the Beaver Creek Fire where and when those operations can be conducted safely and effectively. To date, 65 days into this fire, there have still been no serious injuries to personnel fighting the Beaver Creek Fire.

There will be a slight increase in the chance of dry thunderstorms tomorrow producing gusty winds, lightning and little rain. Most of Wyoming is under a red flag warning. The area of the Beaver Creek Fire is expecting critical fire weather conditions that could impact fire behavior. Fuels are continuing to dry out, and heat generated from today's weather may result in more fire activity earlier in the day today. Anticipating more active burning today, incident managers are ready to reallocate firefighters and aviation assets when and where the need arises.

The changeable weather this time of year, going from a few days of cooler, moister weather to periods of hot, dry, windy conditions is likely to be a defining aspect of this fire until a season ending event puts the fire out, most likely a significant snowfall later in the fall. Until that happens firefighters are constantly reminded that patience and persistence will lead them to the ultimate goal of fully suppressing the Beaver Creek Fire.

Fire activity increased yesterday on the **Broadway Fire**. Firefighters, including a hot shot crew, were at the fire scouting and preparing to create a helispot to support future firefighting activities. The fire 154 acres, located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately four miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming.

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