



Beaver Creek Fire

August 22, 2016, 11:00 am

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 their 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*

FIRE ACTIVITY HEATS UP

Increased fire activity occurred on the Beaver Creek Fire as anticipated on Sunday. After a relatively inactive morning, the fire started putting up smoke in several different areas. Unburned fuels within the perimeter dried out as the fire became more active. Most of the smoke that was visible from the fire area was within the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness.

Firefighters continued mop up and repair operations across the fire, while helicopters flew almost continuous missions for four hours delivering water to cool hot spots and stop the fire where it moved briefly onto the sagebrush flatlands along the southeast flank. Efforts continue to fully suppress the Beaver Creek Fire where and when operations can be conducted safely and effectively. To date, 65 days into this fire, there have still been no serious injuries to personnel.

On the eastern side of the fire, crews are working closely with landowners to repair damage caused by suppression activities. Heavy equipment is being used to repair and grade roads and work is close to complete in Parson's Draw.

There will be a slight increase in the chance of dry thunderstorms today producing gusty winds, lightning and little rain. Most of Wyoming is under a red flag warning and the Beaver Creek fire area is expecting critical fire weather conditions that could impact area fire behavior. Fuels are continuing to dry out and fire activity will likely increase today. In anticipation, 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, and windy, is likely to be a defining aspect of this fire until a season ending event, like significant snowfall puts the fire out. 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 were at the fire scouting and preparing to create a helispot to support future firefighting activities. The fire is 154 acres and located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately 4 miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming.

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