

Sylvan Fire Update

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 9:00 am



Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team

Dan Dallas, Incident Commander

Information Phone: 970-462-9625 **NEW!**

Information Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Special Notes: The Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team, with Dan Dallas as Incident Commander, assumed command of the Sylvan Fire at 6 am this morning. The incoming team would like to acknowledge the great work that was done by the Upper Colorado River Type 3 Incident Management Team since the start of the fire.

Current Situation:

As a fire gets larger and additional resources are brought in, the fire is broken into geographic areas to help focus suppression efforts and to help with supervision span of control. We will refer to these Branches and Divisions to provide specific information about each part of the fire perimeter.

Branch I: On the east side of the fire in Division G, firefighters will focus on working from Sylvan Lake to the west creating a direct fireline from the lake to the powerline road. They will also be looking at options to secure the line moving to the north and west. South of Sylvan Lake, in Division P, along the Eagle-Thomasville Road (400 Road) crews will focus on containing the portion of the fire that sloped across the road and will work to hold the fire west of the road.

Branch II: Working to the south and west, in Division Z, firefighters will focus on completing direct fireline on the southeast corner where the fire has crossed the Mount Thomas Trail. In addition, fire leadership will be scouting areas to the west looking for options using natural features where possible. On the northwest perimeter of the fire, in Division A, firefighters will be scouting that area of the fire looking for options to create a fireline to hold the fire.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: Showers and thunderstorms are likely starting in the early afternoon and continuing into the evening. Chance of wetting rain is over 50%. Higher humidity is expected to moderate fire behavior today. Temperatures will be 63-68 degrees with 31-36% relative humidity. Winds will be out of the west 10-15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph in the afternoon. Even with the favorable weather, firefighters were reminded that the dead and down fuels are very dry and will continue to burn. With the addition of moisture, snags and heavy fuels on steep slopes may pose an additional hazard.

Evacuations, Closures, and Fire Restrictions: For the latest information about pre-evacuation or evacuation notices or fire restrictions on non-Federal lands, visit www.ecemergency.org for Eagle County and www.pitkincounty.com for Pitkin County. For the latest on area, road, and trail closures and fire restrictions on National Forest lands, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver>.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TRF): A TFR is in place over the Sylvan Fire. **Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't.** Whenever a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of the area. For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

Sylvan Fire Statistics:	For More Information:
Size: 3,752 acres based on infrared flight	Fire Information Office: 970-462-9625 8 am to 8 pm
Containment: 0%	Email: 2021.sylvan@firenet.gov
Total Personnel: approximately 200	InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7562/
Location: 16 miles S of Eagle, CO	Facebook: www.facebook.com/SylvanFireInformation/
Reported: June 20, 2021	
Cause: Under investigation	