



# Beaver Creek Fire

August 21, 2016, 8:00 am

## At a Glance...

### Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

The Beaver Creek 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.

### Fire Size\*

36,961 acres (209)

37,005 acres (IR flight)

### Containment:

53%

### Resources:

205 Firefighters 2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher, 4 helicopters, 2 water tenders

### Hunting and Closure Information:

Hunters can access the closure order and a map of public lands that are closed to hunting due to the Beaver Creek Fire on Inciweb:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4797/32317/>

For all other hunting questions contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at (970) 819-3150 or Wyoming Game and Fish at (307)745-4046.

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

## CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER EXPECTED

Over the next two days factors conducive to critical burn conditions will test fire containment lines and challenge firefighters. There may be more visible smoke as unburned pockets of fuel ignite and flare throughout the fire area. Temperatures are expected to be in the low 70's, and relative humidity is expected to be in the teens with possible WSW winds at 18 mph gusting up to 25 mph. The chance of precipitation is at 10%.

Homeowners and their families have begun returning to their properties. Property owners may remain at their property, but must display the placard each time they re-enter. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office reports 12 yellow homeowner's placards and 10 accompanying purple placards issued yesterday. *Closures on National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Lands remain in effect.*

A burn out operation along 498 Road in the northeast portion of the fire went well Saturday. That area will continue to be patrolled today and be monitored for heat and smoke. Also, on Saturday in the southeast corner of the fire, excavators and personnel were at work rehabilitating areas disturbed by suppression activities. The western perimeter of the fire saw a kick up of smoke. Engines took action to reduce heat and smoke throughout the day, and helicopters dropped water as hot spots kicked up. Saturday also saw heavy equipment working to cut snags, and other actions aimed at enhancing firefighter safety at various areas in the fire area.

While the Beaver Creek Fire continues to be managed as a full-suppression fire, firefighter safety is a prime concern. Terrain and other factors limit how aggressively the fire can be engaged and maintain safety. Tactics employed are aggressive with an eye toward those which will have a high probability of success while minimizing risk. Mop up, patrol, rehabilitation and repair work will continue across the area.

There was increased fire behavior on the south edge of the 75 acre **Broadway Fire** Saturday, as it was impacted by warmer weather and wind conditions. The fire is located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately 4 miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming. It is being closely monitored and resources are being allocated for its containment. Firefighters are monitoring, assessing values at risk, and utilizing aerial resources to keep the fire in check.

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