



Beaver Creek Fire

August 23, 2016, 9:00 am

Beaver Creek 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.

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| <u>Fire Size:</u> | <u>Containment</u> |
| 37,170 acres | 53% |
| 37,288 IR* | |

Resources:

244 Personnel, 2 crews, 17 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller bencher, 4 helicopters, 4 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 (IR) reflects acres mapped on last night's infrared flight and reported this morning.*

Weather of Little Impact on Monday

Higher temperatures with wind gusts of 35 to 40 miles per hour and low humidity marked weather conditions on Monday. Cloud cover, however, assisted firefighter efforts. As a result good progress was made in maintaining fire lines. Excavator work continues along the southeastern border of the fire to repair damage from suppression activities. The burnout was a success at the northeastern edge of the fire, and despite windy conditions the containment lines held. Firefighters continued to monitor the areas around the Helena Bridge and Ike's Cabin in the southwest to protect them in the event fire activity threatened. Most fire spotting on Monday was blown back into the fire by the prevailing winds.

Management officials expect Tuesday to closely resemble Monday in terms of fire behavior and the continued success of suppression, containment and protective efforts. Firefighters will continue structure protection and reinforcement of containment lines. Cooler weather later in the week is predicted to be even more favorable to suppression and containment efforts. Rehabilitation is a priority in those areas where landowners have been able to return to their property.

Another priority aimed at firefighter safety, is the use of heavy equipment to remove snags and other dangerous features. While protecting structures and other threatened assets is taken seriously, protecting firefighter safety is always the top priority. 66 days into the firefighting effort no serious injuries have occurred. This is due to careful tactic planning and safety awareness at all levels of the operation.

Senator to Tour Beaver Creek Fire

Colorado 4th District U.S. Senator Cory Gardner will be briefed on the fire on Tuesday, and tour areas of the fire afterward.

Broadway Fire Update

Despite gusting winds, Monday's weather did not have a negative effect on fire behavior. Cloud cover helped keep temperatures low, and firefighters were able to pursue brushing and limbing activities along fire borders to help establish containment lines. Aerial resources were utilized to assist in keeping the fire in check. Assessment for allocation of additional resources is continuing. The Broadway Fire is located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately 4 miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming. Firefighters are monitoring, assessing values at risk, and utilizing aerial resources to keep the fire in check. It current involves 154 acres, 212 IR* and a total of 30 personnel.

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