



## Rocky Mountain Blue Team

# Twin Lakes Fire

**August 14, 2016, Morning Update**

### Summary:

Today's weather will be similar to Saturday's with isolated thunderstorms after 2:00 pm. Winds will be from the west at 5 to 10 miles per hour, with gusts to 20. These conditions should result in continued moderate fire behavior, and allow firefighters to maintain their focus on planned suppression operations.

Crews will be conducting mop up along the western flank of the fire. Mop up entails moving charred timber further into the burned area, spraying ash with water and stirring to make sure it is completely out, and then cold trailing. Firefighters will remove their gloves and place their hands near the ash to ensure that no concealed heat sources remain. Only then, will the fire at this section of the line be referred to as "contained."

Burning operations will be conducted along two sections at the fire's northwest boundary today. Fire crews have constructed indirect line using dozers, some distance away from the fire's edge. They will light fires along this line and burn back towards the main body of the fire. The resulted burned area will create a solid band of completely burned fuels, which will act as a barrier for fire moving out from the interior. Indirect line is used in areas where it is unsafe for firefighters to enter due to the number of bug killed trees. In many areas, 10 to 50 percent of the trees are dead and have been standing for as long as 15 years. All activities on the Twin Falls Fire are complicated by the presence of these standing dead trees, referred to as "snags." Snags can fall at any time, possibly striking firefighters working near them. Far too frequently firefighters lose their lives to this hazard.

Operations Section Chief Wayne Ichiyaso detailed his intent for the Twin Lakes Fire. "We are not going to put line around this fire and turn it over to a Type III Incident Management Team to wrap up. We are giving it back to the local resources. We are going to fully contain this fire. The Twin Lakes Fire is a full suppression operation."

#### Fire Size:

1,007 acres

#### Containment:

5% contained

#### Resources:

6 Crews, 2 Dozers, 17 Engines, 3 Water Tenders, 5 Helicopters, and 1 Air Attack Aircraft

#### Total Personnel:

277

#### Location:

19 miles South/Southwest of Meeteetse, WY

#### Started:

08/08/16. Cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

#### Management:

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

**Incident Information:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4948/>

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