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Weston Pass Fire Initially designated the Jones Hill Fire

6/28/18- Wild land fire south of Fairplay, west of US Hwy 285, south of County Rd 22, near of Buffalo Peaks Rd at US Forest Rd 158 and 431.

Currently there 8 type 6 crews in the area attempting reach the fire. Air support will start dropping water. There is no known cause of the fire at this time. Size of the fire is unconfirmed at 15 acres. There are no evacuation orders at this time. Evacuations are voluntary, but residents or campers in the area are encouraged to leave if concerned.

6/28/18- 4:21pm Dear CORA Folks,

Those of you that are on the property please start preparing to EVACUATE.

The winds are coming up. Tom spoke with some of the fire fighters and the fire is very hard to contain.

So we need to be prepared. Gather your medication, important papers, etc. and be ready.

I will keep you posted and news comes in...

Jane Tingle, Caretaker, Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/28/18 5:14pm -John Adams from RORA just called.

The reservoir is closed tonight and tomorrow.

They are taking water out of the reservoir by helicopter.

Please stay away from the reservoir so they can do their job.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/28/18 7:03pm

Hello CORA Folks,

Great News!

Tom just spoke with the helicopter crew at the reservoir.

The fire burned about 50 acres.

The winds have calmed down.

The ground crew is getting a handle on the fire.

Things are looking up! We will keep you updated.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/28/18 9pm

CORA Folks,

This will be the last update today.

The helicopter is on it's way back to Buena Vista.

This evening there will be 50-60 ground crew camping near the scene of the fire.

A Big Thank You to all the firefighters!

Sounds like everything is under control - we can sleep peacefully tonight!

Have a Good Night CORA Folks...

Jane Tingle

Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/29/18 3:11pm

CORA Folks,

The fire has started back up again.
The helicopter is back and flying.
The ground crew has pulled out - it's out of their control and it's in the trees.
Those of you that are on the property - it's time to be ready again.
Get your medications together, your pets, important papers, etc. ready to go.
This is NOT OFFICIAL! This is CORA alerting you to be ready! Please tell your neighbors as not everyone is on CORA folks. Stand by for more updates!
Jane TingleCaretakerCampground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/30/18 10:30am

Mandatory evacuation have been issued to residents in the immediate vicinity of the Weston Pass Fire.
Evacuations for Black Mountain subdivisions are voluntary at this time but residents should be prepared for a full evacuation.
County Rd 22 is closed to all traffic. Surrounding areas are encouraged to remove livestock and pets out of the area and to prepare to evacuate. U.S. Forest Service, North-West Fire, Hartsel Fire, and Jefferson-Como Fire are on scene.
Lin Smith DSP 55

6/30/18 11:22am

Dear CORA Folks,

Not much to update today.
Winds are out of the southwest today so that is good news.
Last night on the news they said the fire was 10% contained.
It has burned 1,500 acres of land.
We are not out of danger yet.
If the winds pick up and change directions there could be issues.
Please stay alert and stay prepared to leave.
Verizon service has been down due to the fire near Waslenburg, CO - fiber optic cable was cut.
It appears to be working today.
Thank you everyone for your informative emails.
We need all the information we can get.
Please stay prepared!
Jane TingleCaretakerCampground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/30/17 2pm

Please do not come up to CORA at this point.
If you are at CORA please consider leaving if you have a safe place stay.
We want to keep everyone safe - 'stuff' can be replaced - our CORA Folks can't!
Also, Highway 285 will be SHUT DOWN at 3 pm. from Fairplay to Antero Junction due to smoke.
So if you plan on leaving NOW is the time to do it!
Again, please be prepared. Get your important papers together, medications, pets, food, etc.
Thank you you for your cooperation!
Again, please share this information with your neighbors and keep your lights on!
John Ludvig CORA Board Member/Facilities Director

6/30/18 3:25 pm

Park County just called in a Reverse 911 call saying they are asking everyone at CORA to leave.
This is a voluntary evacuation.
Hwy 285 is closed from Fairplay to Antero Junction due to smoke.
When you leave CORA - take a right (head south) away from the fire!
Thank you for your cooperation!
Jane TingleCaretakerCampground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

6/30/18 7:19pm

Due to the voluntary evacuation most of our CORA Folks have evacuated.
Thank you so much for your cooperation!

For those of you still here, please email me your lot # and name.
I will compose a list so if we have a mandatory evacuation we will know who is here.
Needless to say I have received numerous phone calls regarding the fire.
Let me answer some of those questions.
Two hours ago the Forest Service said that the fire is 3 miles from CORA.
As of 2:00 pm the fire has consumed approximately 1,882 acres.
There will be a Face Book page (Weston Pass Fire) set up tomorrow and will post hourly on the fire. I will continue to answer the phone as best I can.
Tom and I will be doing our rounds of CORA around 7 pm this evening.
I will post again when I have new news.
Again, those of you still here at CORA please let us know you are staying the night in case of a mandatory evacuation. Thank you! Jane Tingle Caretaker

7/1/18 7:17am

The Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team arrived late yesterday afternoon and assumed command of the Weston Pass Fire at 6 am today, July 1. We will be updating this page as we gather information about the Fire. Thank you for your patience as we get things set up!

7/1/18 10:25am

The phone to the CORA office is not working and cell phone service is sketchy.
Also, please share information from CORA Folks with your neighbors and friends that are not on CORA Folks.
Again, thank you for your cooperation!
Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

7/1/18 12:11pm

Tom just got back from driving north on Hwy 285 (which is still closed!).
He spoke with the U.S. Forest Service who were positioned by Buffalo Springs Campground which is about 1-1/2 to 2 miles from CORA off of Hwy 285 (north of Charlie's [Rafael's brother] place). The Forest Service did a block burn last night burning from Hwy 285 and the fire went westward. They did this to keep the fire from crossing Hwy 285 and to slow down the fire and keep it west.
This morning the winds are favorable and light. However, this afternoon the winds are predicted to change out of the north to northwest. In other words heading towards CORA. The smoke has cleared out of CORA at this time. From the office I can see smoke north of the clubhouse.
Again, Tom and I are asking everyone to stay away from CORA and we do appreciate your cooperation.
Stay tuned for updates and please share this information with your neighbors.
Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

July 1 at 4:49 PM · Structure damage confirmed - 1 residence at 695 Lynch Creek Court and 1 outbuilding at 854 Rich Creek Court..

July 1 at 6:38 PM · Fire activity picked up significantly on the #WestonPassFire this afternoon and spotted to to the south of the fire line. Firefighters were unable to get a line around the spot fire, resulting in the fire making an aggressive push to the south. The Park County Sheriff's Office has initiated a mandatory evacuation order for the Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA).

July 1 at 12:42 PM ·

The Weston Pass Fire is now at 4,138 acres and 0% containment. It has not jumped Hwy. 285. Fire crews did a successful backfire Sat. night west of Hwy. 285 south of the Weston Pass Road (CR 22) to meet the oncoming fire. Hwy. 285 and Weston Pass will remain closed today due to heavy fire traffic. The Sheriff's Office is evaluating damages and will be releasing that information. Full press release out shortly.

7/1/18 4:58pm

The U.S. Forest Service is indicating we have to evacuate CORA NOW!
We are waiting for the Sheriff to arrive at CORA to start the mandatory evacuation.
This is official. The fire trucks are coming onto CORA as I type this.
CORA Folks this is it - IT'S TIME TO EVACUATE NOW!!!!
There may not be another email for a while.
Signing off for now...PRAY FOR CORA!
Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

7/1/18 7:41 pm

Weston Pass Fire shared a post.
59 mins ago on Facebook

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Linda Smith DSP 55

7/1/18 10:47 pm

Hello all..Just an update on the whereabouts of Tom and Jane...our amazing caring caretakers.

They have arrived safely at the J and M Ludivig B and B....all rest assured they will be treated with great care and concern..pampered for all they have done to care for this entire family of CORA folks..

Updates will come as they can...they will be in contact with Patsy and Ralph as they are staying near the property and John Adams from Ranch of the Rockies....

We continue to pray for all to be safe...in gratitude for the firefighters that are working diligently to save CORA...and to count our blessings for all we have gained by being part of the CORA family.

Greeting to all from Tom and Jane... John and Marsha Ludivig..

7/2/18 10:31am

Good morning from Fire Camp. New acreage for the #WestonPassFire is 6,417. New fire map and update are coming later this morning.

Lin Smith DSP 55

7/2/18 12:36pm

The U.S. Forest Service is positioned at the west end of Lantern Loop -SN236 - across the road from Marlene's place. They are creating a fire break with bulldozers down below this area approximately 3/4 of mile away.

Once the break is completed they will do a back burn. They start a fire to prevent advancement of the ongoing fire.

To us, this sounds like good news. When we left CORA at 5:15 pm yesterday there were several brush trucks, fire trucks, sheriff cars and other trucks coming onto the CORA property. There was a lot of activity going on - they were positioning themselves and assessing the situation as we left CORA.

The electricity is still on at CORA - another bit of good news!

A big thank you to Rafael and Patsy as they will be checking on CORA periodically throughout the day and reporting back to us. Also, we are in contact with John Adams, manager of Ranch of the Rockies (RORA).

I will be updating CORA Folks again when I receive information.

Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

UPDATE - July 2, 2018 (10:00 AM)

Weston Pass Fire Information

Current Situation:

The fire area did not experience an increase in relative humidity Sunday night so firefighters are gearing up for a longer burning period today. Fire activity is expected to pick up beginning around 11 a.m. and will probably remain active well into the evening. Gusty winds could create rapid rates of spread.

Sunday afternoon the fire spotted across the fire line in Div. Z on the south side. Firefighters were unable to contain the spot and the fire made a significant push southward, prompting the Park County Sheriff to call for a mandatory evacuation of the Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA), located adjacent to Highway 285 directly west of Antero Reservoir. The fire did not reach CORA; it is currently approximately 2 miles to the northwest of the camp.

In Div. A, firefighters will be securing the dozer line between Div. A and Div. Z. In Div. Z, the crews will be building dozer line off of Jones Hill. Along Hwy. 285 in Div. M, firefighters will be continuing with structure protection around CORA and developing a fire line to Road 434. In Div. D, firefighters will continue to secure the fire perimeter and provide structure protection in the Lynch Creek and Rich Creek areas.

There will be several additional aircraft on the fire today including two more Type 1 helicopters, two KMAX, and one air crane.

PIO Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store. PIOs will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

Community Meeting: There will be a Community Meeting on Tues. July 3 at 6:00 PM at the Fair Barn at 880 Bogue St.

Closures and Public Safety: U.S. Highway 285 between Fairplay and Antero and Weston Pass Road (County Road 22) will remain closed. For up to date information visit www.cotrip.org. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO

Start Date: June 27, 2018

Size: 6,417 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Total Personnel: Approximately 313

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 7 Type 2 hand crews, 13 engines, and 2 dozers

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 3, 2 KMAX, 1 Air Crane and two fixed wing

#Westonpassfire Update July 3, 2018 (11:00 AM)

Current Situation:

On Tuesday, the fire continued to move in a southerly direction and grew about 3,000 acres. A successful firing operation was conducted along Forest Service roads 156 and 168. Due to the very dry conditions, several spot fires occurred and were successfully suppressed by ground crews with support from helicopters assigned to the incident.

Significant emphasis is focused on protecting the Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA) and the fire remains approximately one mile northwest of CORA. A structure protection plan for CORA is nearing completion.

Mop up continues to further secure this section on the northeast end of the fire, in the Rich Creek and Lynch Creek area and the northeast section along US 285.

Today's operation will again include firing operations to establish a line along Forest Service road 168. This tactic is used to remove fuel between containment lines and the fire's edge to slow or halt the fire's advancement. Along Forest Service road 433 west toward 431, dozer lines will fortify that road as a southern primary containment line to hold the fire. Once this line is in place additional firing operations will be conducted as conditions allow.

Information Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay. Public Information Officers will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

Closures and Public Safety: U.S. Highway 285 between Fairplay and Antero and Weston Pass Road (County Road 22) will remain closed..

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO

Start Date: June 27, 2018

Size: 9,342 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Total Personnel: Approximately 412

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 7 Type 2 hand crews, 13 engines, and 2 dozers

Aircraft: Three Type 1, one Type 2, two Type 3 helicopters and one fixed wing air attack

7/3/18 2pm

The Public Information Officer for the Weston Pass Fire gave a briefing in front of Prather's Market at 2 p.m. today. Subsequent briefings will be held daily at the same place and time until fire is contained.

Firefighters created a fire break yesterday behind CORA along an old north-south road just west of SN. A special effort is being made to protect CORA property. If the fire break holds for one to two days it will be considered a containment along that line. At this time, the fire perimeter is about one half mile north of CORA property. On the map, this perimeter is very close to Deadman's Gulch.

Loren & Mildred Woods DSP 10

7/3/18

Weston Pass Fire July 3rd Evening Update

[#westonpassfire](#)

July 3, 2018 Evening Update

Today's Fire Activity: Containment was increased to 5% today. Firefighter efforts were focused on the southern and southwest portions of the fire with firing operations continuing along FS 168 and FS 433. Today multiple fixed wing aircraft made several retardant drops to fortify those roads to minimize any potential spot fires and contain the fire spread. On the north end of the fire, mop up and structure protection continued in the Lynch Creek and Rich Creek areas. A structure protection plan for CORA is nearing completion.

Predicted afternoon thunderstorms called for strong, erratic gusty winds and dry lightning. This combined with the hot, dry temperatures resulted in a Red Flag Warning being placed across the fire area. Afternoon thunderstorms did produce dry lightning, but the called for wind gusts were not as severe as predicted with reported gusts only reaching 35 mph. The increased cloud cover helped to moderate fire activity.

Information Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay. Public Information Officers will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

Closures and Public Safety: A closure is in place one mile south of Fairplay at the junction of US Highway 285/ State Highway 9 to all traffic, except local residents or landowners. A total closure is in place from the junction of US Highway 285/County Road 22 to Antero. For up to date information visit www.cotrip.org. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO

Start Date: June 28, 2018

Size: 9,342 acres

Percent Contained: 5%

Total Personnel: Approximately 484

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 9 Type 2 hand crews, 14 engines, and 2 dozers

Helicopters: Three Type 1, two Type 3, and one fixed wing aircraft.

Weston Pass Fire Information

719-966-7842

Call Center Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM

E-mail: 2018_copsf_westonpass@firenet.gov

Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5876/>

Social Media: www.facebook.com/westonpassfire/

Lin Smith

DSP 55

7/4/18 9:53

Weston Pass Fire

49 mins ago

Current acreage is 10,727 and 5% containment. An easterly wind shift this afternoon will be favorable for holding the fire west of US Hwy 285 and pushing it away from Campground of the Rockies (CORA)

Lin Smith

DSP 55

LATEST UPDATE:

July 4, 2018 2:22 PM

UPDATE FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Today's operations are progressing as expected. Containment lines nearest Campground of the Rockies (CORA) (Division M) are looking good.

Helicopters are cooling flanks in the southwest portion (Division P) of the fire and single engine air tankers are working very effectively making retardant drops on the western flank (Division Z) of the fire.

The latest models indicated the anticipated wind shift, switching from west to a north- northeast direction, should occur around 6 pm. This can affect fire operations and delay planned firing operations.

July 4, 2018 Evening Update

Today's Fire Activity #westonpassfire

Containment on the fire has increased to 15%. The increase is on the north and northeast portion of the fire (Division D).

Today was another challenging weather day with a cold front predicted to create gusty erratic winds.

Temperatures today warmed quickly into the mid 70s and relative humidity dipped to 10%. Showers developed in the vicinity of the fire early afternoon but produced no significant moisture. At 4:00 pm, winds shifted from the west to east-northeast. This marks the first time since Weston Pass Fire began that winds have come out of the east. This is good news for the Campground of the Rockies (CORA) as the winds are pushing fire away from US Hwy 285. However, these strong easterly winds are predicted for the next couple of days and now have compromised containment lines on the west side of the fire (Divisions A and Z).

The fire responded as predicted to the easterly wind shift and crossed primary control lines on the western portion (Division Z). For safety reasons firefighters moved to their predetermined safety areas. Due to the weather conditions, resources did not conduct firing operations today. The visible smoke columns were from increased fire activity after the wind shift.

Information Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay. Public Information Officers will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

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Lin Smith

DSP55

July 5, 2018 Evening Update

#westonpassfire

Today's Fire Activity

Current acreage is 12,902; containment on the fire has increased to 17%.

Thunderstorms were anticipated over the fire today, however an unexpected tornadic event resulted in crews leaving the line for safety reasons. There were reports of uprooted trees in Division P and hail in Division Z; there were no reports of injuries. Tomorrow's forecast calls for calmer weather, partly cloudy in the morning and mostly cloudy in the afternoon. There will also be thundershowers and thunderstorms late morning and early afternoon.

Division A is identifying contingency lines to the northwest of the fire and continues to hold and mopup along the fire perimeter. On the north side of the fire crews continued to mop up and secure line around structures and along the fire perimeter (Div D, Div M). Mop up is extinguishing or removing burning material near control lines, felling snags, and trenching logs to prevent rolling after an area has burned. On the south side of the fire, crews went direct to cut line along the current fire perimeter (Div P). To the southwest firefighters are identifying contingency lines and securing line from yesterdays fire activity (Div P, Div T). Division Z is holding the fire perimeter on the western flank. A swing shift was added to assist on the west flank. The night shift will patrol structures in Divisions A and M.

Information Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay. Public Information Officers will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

Closures and Public Safety: A closure is in place one mile south of Fairplay at the junction of US Highway 285/State Highway 9 to all traffic, except local residents or landowners. A total closure is in place from the junction of US Highway 285/County Road 22 to Antero Junction. For up to date information visit www.cotrip.org. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO Percent Contained: 17%

Start Date: June 28, 2018 Total Personnel: Approximately 591

Size: 12,902 acres Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 24 engines, and 2 dozers

Helicopters: Three Type 1, one Type 2, three Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft.

July 6, 2018 (10:00 AM)

#WestonPassFire

Weather

Spotty moisture from yesterday and higher humidity (90-97%) last night may result in reduced fire activity today.

Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) reported .17" and crews had to pull vehicles back to hard surface roads during the rain. The inversion is expected to lift around 10 AM. Temperatures will be in the mid 70s with relative humidity of 27-32%. Clouds will move in around noon with gusty winds from the SE bringing the possibility of showers and afternoon thunderstorms.

Current Situation

After the fire breached the boundary of the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness, the Forest Service issued a closure for the entire Wilderness area. Yesterday, fire personnel identified primary and alternate contingency lines on the south, west and northwest sides of the fire. Today these lines will be the focus of work in these areas. Hard work by firefighters, weather and SE wind direction continue to line up a positive outlook for CORA.

Division A has identified Rough and Tumble Creek as the primary contingency line. Crews will be improving the alternate contingency line north and east to tie in with Highway 22. Crews will continue to secure and mop up along the contained line in Divisions D and M, while identifying and removing fire damaged, dangerous trees. Division P is directly fighting the fire south of FS 433 and constructing indirect/alternate contingency line from FS 433 to the wilderness boundary in order to keep the fire north of FS 435. Division T will be prepping the FS 435 road to the North Salt Creek Trailhead. Hot Shot crews are on the ground in the Wilderness area (Div Z) assessing risks and possible options for suppression. Structure Group will continue to monitor and assess structures in the vicinity of the fire. Swing shift resources will be assigned as needs present depending on weather and fire activity.

Information Briefings

Public Information Officers will conduct daily briefings at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay and at 3:00 PM outside at Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 343 US 24, Buena Vista.

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Helicopters: Three Type 1, one Type 2, two Type 3, and two fixed wing aircraft.

Weston Pass Fire

7/6/18 12:05pm

Currently 12,902 acres and 17% contained. The fire moved into the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness Area yesterday which is now closed to public entry.

July 6, 2018 Evening Update

#westonpassfire

Today's Fire Activity

Current acreage is 12,902; containment on the fire has increased to 32%.

Severe weather including thunderstorms and cloud to ground lightning impacted the fire this afternoon. Line personnel moved to staging areas and remained in vehicles until the storm passed before engaging the fire again.

Saturday's forecast calls for a mostly sunny morning with the inversion lifting around 10 AM. Winds are expected from the NE 5-10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph. Clouds and possible thundershowers will develop after 1:00 PM. High temperatures are expected in mid 70's with 20% humidity and 30% chance of rain.

Crews continued to improve alternate contingency lines in Divisions A, P and T. Helicopters were active dropping several loads of water along the southern edge of the fire allowing crews to work the primary line. Several snags (fire damaged trees) were removed in Division D and M. In Division P near the Wilderness crews went direct (building fire line directly adjacent to the fire edge) with dozers south of FS 433 and constructed contingency line from FS 435 to the Wilderness boundary. In Division Z where the fire breached the Wilderness, hotshot crews assessed viability of going direct. Conclusion was that risk was too great and potential of success was too low.

This afternoon, Ken Gregor, Operations Section Chief and Glen Lewis, Fire Behavior Analyst, flew the entire perimeter of the fire broadcasting live on FaceBook. This 22 minute recording showed how the fire burned in a spotty or mosaic pattern, where the fire burned into the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness (which precipitated the closing of the Wilderness) as well as the status of Camp Ground of the Rockies (CORA). Ken responded live to citizen's questions asked during the broadcast.

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Helicopters: Four Type 1, one Type 2, three Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft.

Weston Pass Fire Information

7/7/18 10:06 - The Park County Sheriff's office has reopened US HWY 285, as of 8 a.m. Please drive carefully, and do not stop in the vicinity of the fire. **The evacuations for CR22 and CORA are still in effect.**

Please note: the speed limit on 285 is 50 mph south of Fairplay through the Weston Pass Fire area. CDOT will be posting the new speed limits along with posted warnings about double fines for violation.

7/7/18 3:11pm - All evacuated areas remain closed. #westonpassfire The Buffalo Peaks Wilderness remains closed. Hwy 285 is now open to through traffic and due to the volume of fire traffic, the speed limit has been lowered to 50 mph.

7/7/18 3:30pm

We arrived at CORA around 1:30 this afternoon. As reported earlier the lower level of CORA looks just like it did when we left. No ash, nothing burnt, no smoke! A huge thank you to our firefighters and first responders for SAVING CORA! I'll have a report later today about the upper level.

I am again asking all our CORA Folks to STAY AWAY!

You CANNOT get into CORA - so save your gas!

Fire personnel are still on the property.

There is law enforcement at the entrance of CORA.

Security is tight - you WILL NOT GET IN!

Unfortunately, when we entered CORA the officer on duty reported that some of our lot owners ARE NOT HAPPY with him because he wouldn't let them in. I know this is a 'high stress' situation - boy, DO !! But...Come on people -

they are just doing their job - BE NICE and have some respect! We need to show appreciation - they saved YOUR property! 'Nuff said!

As we were driving to CORA from Fairplay there are 'hot spots' in the forest near CORA. We could see plumes of smoke coming up from the forest. The main fire is about 4-5 miles west - southwest of CORA. Right now I feel like we have to stay packed and ready to evacuate. I don't feel CORA is entirely 'out of the woods' yet and I probably won't until we get official notice.

First report on CORA status - water issues - fuses blown - pumps not working. Tom is working on that as I type this. He has told me we'll have water by this evening...hopefully!

Second, the 'Thank You' sign is up at CORA's entrance. I've attached a picture I took as I drove in.

Just wanted to check-in with you CORA Folks. Again, PLEASE STAY AWAY - you can't get in - so save time and gas and just relax. I will keep you posted as news comes in!

Thank you! Jane & Tom Tingle

July 7, 2018 PM Update

Current acreage is 13,019; containment on the fire has increased to 34%.

Weather

Today's thunderstorms are very isolated with no measureable precipitation. Thunderstorms are expected to continue until 11:00 PM. Sunday the weather will be similar with only 20% chance of thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the high 70s to lower 80s with winds out of the ESE at 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph.

Current Situation

North of the fire, crews secured line along the fire edge and along the contingency line north from Rough and Tumble Creek, and west to CR 22. Surface improvements to CR 22 continue in order to repair impacts from fire suppression activities. To the east fire fighters patrolled line and completed maintenance on pumps, checked fire hose and topped off the water in the "pumpkins" in the Campground of the Rockies (CORA). Pumpkins are orange 1800 to 2400 gallon portable, collapsible tanks that are used to store water where there are no natural water sources or hydrants. Along the south edge of the fire, dozers have constructed line to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness boundary and completed contingency line along FS 435 road to North Salt Creek Trailhead. Crews used chippers to remove brush (fuel) that was cut to improve the contingency line in Division T. The heat in the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness Area and the direct fire line in Division P received water drops to reduce the possibility of fire spread. Today all divisions are identifying lines that will need rehab (returning the land to a more natural state). See <https://www.facebook.com/westonpassfire/videos/887203358153842/> for an aerial view of the fire with a narrative from operations and fire behavior analyst.

Information Briefing

Public Information Officers will conduct daily briefings at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay and at 3:00 PM outside at Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 343 US 24, Buena Vista.

Closures and Public Safety

The Park Co Sheriff and CDOT have opened US Highway 285 to all traffic as of 8:00 AM today. The speed limit is posted at 50 mph and there is no stopping in the fire area. Visit <http://www.parkco.us> for up to date information. Evacuations in the CR 22 and CORA area remain in place. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>. Buffalo Peaks Wilderness Area is closed until further notice.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO Percent Contained: 34%

Start Date: June 28, 2018

Total Personnel: Approximately 597

Size: 13,019 acres

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 20 engines, one masticator, 2 dozers

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft

July 8 9am

Winds today will shift to the east from the previous northeast pattern of the last several days. In addition to the wind shift, temperatures will be higher and humidity will be lower. The combination of wind, heat and dryness increase the

likelihood of smokes. This could produce visible interior smokes, resulting from the ignition of previously unburned fuels inside the mosaic burn area.

July 8 3:20 pm

It's been raining at CORA for 1 hour and 5 minutes now and it's still raining!!!

A real soaker - heavy at times!

We are hoping that it is raining on the fire along with those "hot spots" and putting it out.

After this lets up we'll go to the upper campground and see what the fire is doing.

This is such GREAT NEWS - I just had to share!!

Oh, we haven't heard or seen Tim (the man in charge) yet - still waiting.

Jane Tingle Caretaker Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

July 8, 2018 PM Update

Current acreage is 13,019; containment on the fire is 52%.

Weather

This afternoon, isolated showers and thunderstorms again precipitated a warning to firefighters of cloud-to-ground lightning. Campground of the Rockies Association received wetting rain this afternoon with .12" received at Jones Hill RAWs and .32" received at a higher elevation in the Buffalo Peak Wilderness west of the fire. Temperatures reached 79° with winds out of the ESE 7-10 mph with gusts to 21 mph. This evening showers and thunderstorms will end around 7:00 PM with a minimum temperature tonight of 50°. Monday will be mostly sunny with a maximum temperature of 80°, minimum humidity of 15-20%, NW winds 3-5 mph through 10:00 PM, then SE 8-12 mph with gusts near 18 mph. No storms are expected.

This weather will increase the likelihood of seeing smoke from unburned fuels igniting within the perimeter of the burn area.

Current Situation

North of the fire, crews patrolled and improved line along the fire edge and along the contingency line north from Rough and Tumbling Creek, and west to CR 22. Surface improvements to CR 22 will be completed early this week. To the south and east, firefighters patrolled line to secure and hold the perimeter. Crews continued chipping brush and limbs that were removed to improve the contingency line in Division T. The Buffalo Peaks Wilderness area and the direct fire line in Division P received water drops from helicopters to cool the fire line. A "gel" plant was set up to enhance fire suppression efforts. Gel mixed with water will be applied directly to the fire edge by helicopters, tomorrow. This will make the water more effective.

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Closures and Public Safety

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Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO Percent Contained: 52%

Start Date: June 28, 2018 Total Personnel: Approximately 572

Size: 13,019 acres Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 19 engines, one masticator, 2 dozers

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft

Weston Pass Fire Information

719-966-7842

Helping "Hands Across America"

The #WestonPassFire has responders from across the United States battling the wildfire nine miles south of Fairplay, Colorado. Nearly 600 firefighters from as far away as Alaska and Florida represent 27 states. Colorado has dedicated the greatest number of resources currently numbering 140, including engine, helicopter and larger hand and hot shot crews. Other large contributors include 91 resources from Oregon, 64 from Montana and 29 from New Mexico all the way down to the tiny town of Broken Bow, Oklahoma which has contributed a single resource, Public Information Officer Michelle Finch-Walker. In the nation of wildland firefighting there are no blue or red states, they are all engaged collectively in trying to keep them green. Special thanks to Thomas Winship, a F.D.N.Y. (Fire Department New York) Firefighter for assisting with fire operations and the above data. Because nothing says wildfire like New York City

Women on wildfires??! You betcha! #Womeninwildfire serve in all capacities from Hot Shot crew members to Incident Commanders and all jobs in between.

Left, Jamie Sauer Hot Shot crew member, and right, Michelle Finch-Walker PIO downloading photos taken on the line of #westonpassfire.

July 9, 2018 AM Update

NOTE: Community Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 6 PM, South Park High School gym

Current acreage is 13,019; containment on the fire is 52%.

Weather

Last night, the fire received more rain, .24" on Jones Hill and .45" at the RAWS site in the wilderness area on the west side of the fire. Today will bring 77°- 80° temperatures and 16-20% minimum humidity with 8-12 mph winds from the ESE with gusts to 20 mph after 12:00 PM. Skies will be mostly sunny in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. No storms are expected today. This evening, temperatures will dip to 46°-51°, with humidity recovery to 55-60% and zero chance of wetting rain.

Current Situation

Parts of the fire received beneficial rain of a short duration. With the sun warming and fuels drying, expect to see interior smokes within the fire perimeter. Firefighters monitor these smokes on the ground by strategically placing lookouts and by air with air resources and helicopters. At night, engines patrol to assure that the fire stays within the containment line. Activity on the north side will include patrolling and securing line, making improvements on CR 22, and allowing only residents along CR 22 to return to their homes. Security will be posted at the neighborhood entrances to check passes. On the east side, the fire containment line was extended south along FS 168 to FS 155 increasing total containment to 52%. Crews will continue to patrol and secure along this line and begin the rehab process (returning the land to a more natural state) where needed. Division P will secure the fireline to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness (BPW) and work on more active fire areas with helicopter bucket operations. Contingency lines on the south side will be improved by using the chipper to deal with fuels brushed out as the line was developed. A multiple mission aircraft (MMA) and infrared flights will identify hotspots to direct crew operations. Helicopters will drop gel suppressant on the hot spots in the BPW area. The purpose of gel suppressant as opposed to retardant is that suppressant is long lasting and changes the nature of the fuel so it won't burn. Crews and dozers will cut contingency line from DP 55 west to the Lynch Creek Trailhead. A hotshot crew will cut fire from the BPW boundary to meet a dozer cutting fireline from the north. The fire will have resources available for initial attack in case new fires break out in the area.

Information Briefing

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Closures and Public Safety

The speed limit on Highway 285 is posted at 50 mph and there is no stopping in the fire area. Visit <http://www.parkco.us> for up to date information. Evacuations in the CORA area remain in place. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>. Buffalo Peaks Wilderness area is closed until further notice, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc>.

Fire Statistics:

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Start Date: June 28, 2018

Total Personnel: Approximately 572

Size: 13,019 acres

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 19 engines, one masticator, 2 dozers

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft

Weston Pass Fire Information

Community Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 6 PM

South Park High School gym

July 9, 2018 PM Update

Current acreage is 13,023; containment on the fire is 63%.

Weather

A mostly sunny today with a high of 79°, 18% minimum humidity with 5-10 mph winds from the ESE with gusts to 22 mph has dried the fuels. Some clouds formed in the afternoon; but no storms are expected today. This evening, temperatures will dip to 46°-51°, with humidity recovery to 55-60% and zero chance of wetting rain.

Current Situation

The moisture on the fire yesterday limited fire behavior and spread today. Burning will be mostly limited to heavy downed fuels tonight. The sun dried fuels today and with current drought conditions, we expect to see more interior smokes within the fire perimeter tomorrow.

Firefighters on the north side patrolled and secured line. Park County made improvements on CR 22 and evacuated residents along CR 22 were allowed to return to their homes. Security is posted at the neighborhood entrances to check passes. On the east side, the fire containment line was extended to the west into Division P increasing total containment to 63%. Crews continued to patrol and secure along this line and begin the rehab process (returning the land to a more natural state). Division P secured the fireline to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness (BPW) and worked on more active fire areas with helicopter bucket operations. Chipping operations continue along contingency lines on the south side of the fire. Helicopters bucket-dropped gel-enhanced water on the hotspots in the BPW. Crews and dozers cut contingency line from DP 55 west to the Lynch Creek Trailhead. Hotshot crews cut fire line from the BPW boundary to meet dozer created fireline coming from the north. There were no requests for initial attack resources today. Engines will patrol tonight to assure that the fire stays within the containment line.

Information Briefing

Public Information Officers will conduct a daily briefing at 3:00 PM outside at Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 343 US 24, Buena Vista. Fairplay community members are invited to the Community Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 6:00 PM, South Park High School gym

Closures and Public Safety

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Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO Percent Contained: 63%

Start Date: June 28, 2018 Total Personnel: Approximately 572

Size: 13,023 acres Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 22 engines, one masticator, 2 dozers

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 3 and two fixed wing aircraft

July 10, 2018 AM Update

Current acreage is 13,023; containment on the fire is 63%.

Weather

Today will be mostly sunny in the morning with temperatures in the high 70's, minimum humidity 22-26% and 5-10 mph winds from the ENE gusting to 20 mph. Clouds will form in the afternoon with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the midafternoon. Winds near thunderstorms will be gusty and erratic, with gust up to 30 mph.

Current Situation

Rain on Sunday, higher humidity during the evenings and use of the gel enhanced water drops have given us advantageous conditions to fight fire. As a result, firefighters will be able to safely access the spotty fire in the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness (BPW) area.

Firefighters on the north side continue to patrol and secure line. Park County will continue to work on CR 22. On the east side, crews continue to secure and hold the perimeter. Rehab (returning the land to a more natural state) is continuing along the dozer lines. Division P will continue to secure the fireline to the BPW with the goal of increasing containment. Helicopters will be available for bucket drops to assist firefighters on the ground. Chipping operations will be completed along contingency lines on the south side of the fire. Yesterday, helicopters bucket-dropped 17,010 gallons of gel-enhanced water on the hotspots in and near the BPW. Hotshot crews on the ground used Infra-Red (IR) maps to help locate hotspots on the west side of the fire and guide bucket drops to specific locations. Crews will construct contingency line from DP 55 west to the Lynch Creek Trailhead. Hotshot crews will improve and secure the fire line from the BPW boundary to the north. Some resources will be available for initial attack in case of new fires in the area. Engines will patrol tonight to assure the fire stays within the containment line. Today, there will be a medical emergency simulation exercise for training air, medical and communication resources.

Information Briefing

Public Information Officers will conduct a daily briefing at 3:00 PM outside at Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 343 US 24, Buena Vista. (Today will be the last day for this briefing) Everyone is invited to the Community Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 6:00 PM, South Park High School gym in Fairplay.

Closures and Public Safety

The speed limit on Highway 285 is posted at 50 mph and there is no stopping in the fire area. Visit <http://www.parkco.us> for up to date information. Evacuations in the CORA area remain in place. Evacuation status may

change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>. Buffalo Peaks Wilderness area is closed until further notice; please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc>.

Fire Statistics:

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Weston Pass Fire Information

7/10/18 12:07

The mandatory evacuation will be lifted at 7:00 pm today. DO NOT arrive early at CORA – you **WILL NOT** be allowed in! You **WILL** have to wait until 7:00 pm. Right now there are two security officers at CORA's gate – they are not letting ANYONE in other than officials. This is coming from the U.S. Forest Service – *not* CORA. They are in charge of CORA / fire right now.

Lot owners are welcome to come back to CORA.

Our drinking is safe, our sewer system is running properly and our Service Centers are all clean. A BIG THANK YOU to our reliable Workcampers for coming back and working so hard to make the Service Centers clean and stocked for your arrival!

I want to prepare you for your arrival. You may see fire trucks, brush trucks, Forest Service Trucks, Sheriff's vehicles and other official vehicles on the property. They may be here for several more days after your arrival. You are welcome to visit with them or ask questions of them – they welcome it! With that being said those officials are here on the property for a reason – to keep us safe! So, PLEASE let them have the right-of-way – remember they are still working.

As I said in a previous CORA Folks, in the upper campground there are hoses running along the road and between lots to the outer perimeter of the campground. As best you can please do not disturb the hoses – you may drive over them. The hoses and 'pumpkins' (water reservoirs) will remain until it is determined that they are no longer required. As you return to CORA there is still a Burn Ban in effect. The CORA Board of Directors has informed me that there is ZERO Tolerance for open burning. This includes NO campfires, charcoal grills or smoking outside. The Park County Sheriff will be called immediately – no questions asked and you will be fined. The CORA Board of Directors is asking that you refrain from using propane fireplaces and grills until the Open Burn Ban is lifted. They appreciate your cooperation!

If your lot is in the lower campground PLEASE DO NOT drive up to the upper campground. As stated before there are still fire personnel on the property trying to do their jobs!

Again, Tom and I want to thank everyone for your cooperation – we appreciate it!

Please drive safely on your way back to CORA!

See you all soon!

Jane Tingle, Caretaker, Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

7/13/18 - Fire is now 83% contained. Tomorrow at 6:00 AM the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team, IC Todd Pechota, will turn over responsibility for the Weston Pass Fire to a local Type 3 Organization lead by IC Steve Reed, ADFMO, from Pike and San Isabel NF. Structure Protection removed all fire equipment around Campground of the Rockies (CORA).

Closures remain in effect in the Pike National Forest including the lands south of CR22, north of Trout Creek Pass, the entire BPW, and west of HWY 285.

All mandatory evacuations are lifted. CR22 [Black Mountain area] and CORA are on pre-evacuation status. Size: 13,023 acres Cause: Lightning Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 6 Type 2 hand crews, 9 engines, one masticator, 2 dozers Helicopters: One Type 1, one Type 3

7/13/18- PM report - As our final update from the Rocky Mountain Type 1 IMT, we would like to report that the Weston Pass Fire remains at 13,023 acres and is 93 percent contained.

The Type 1 IMT will transition command of the Weston Pass Fire to a local Type 3 IMT at 6 am tomorrow morning (June 14). We would like to thank everyone for their support while we were here. We are leaving an amazing information officer with the Type 3 team that will continue to update this page to keep you all informed.

7/14/18 -The Pike National Forest closure is still in effect including the lands south of CR22, north of Trout Creek Pass, the entire Buffalo Peaks Wilderness and west of HWY 285. Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc> for more information. The area is closed to prevent the public from being injured and allow the firefighters to safely do their job. Thanks for your cooperation. This map is dated 7/13 but it has current information.

July 15, 2018 Update

#westonpassfire

Members of the local Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER) are beginning their work on the Weston Pass Fire. "The objective of the BAER team is to determine the need for and prescribe and implement emergency treatments on Federal Land to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a fire or to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources." See <https://www.fs.fed.us/b.../watershed/burnareas/background.html> for more information.

Weather

Today will be mostly cloudy throughout the day with the possibility of rain around noon. Later, isolated showers and thunderstorms may develop and linger until 10:00 PM. Temperatures will range from lows of 48°-53° F to highs of 69°-74° F. Humidity will reach lows of 31%-36% during the day recovering to 67%-73% at night. Winds will be from the northeast 7-11 mph with gusts to 16 mph possible during the afternoon and evening.

Current Situation

Today's clouds, lower temperatures and higher humidity will slow fire behavior. The primary sources of remaining heat on the fire are heavy surface fuels and stump holes. Visible smokes from within the interior of the fire are expected for weeks until significant wetting rain penetrates the heavy fuels. Fire personnel will continue monitoring fire behavior with lookouts and aircraft.

The engines in divisions A/D/M/P will continue to secure and patrol fireline along the north, east and south. The Hotshot crew will continue to work hotspots directly and by coordinating helicopter bucket drops in and near the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness (BPW) area (Divisions T/P). Fire management is constantly weighing the risk to firefighters versus the benefit of engagement. Some of the interior smokes are allowed to burn because of the risk to firefighters and there is no indication they would penetrate the fire perimeter.

Closures and Public Safety

Closures remain in effect in the Pike National Forest including the lands south of CR22, north of Trout Creek Pass, the entire BPW, and west of HWY 285. Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc> for more information. All mandatory evacuations are lifted. CR22 [Black Mountain area] and CORA are on pre-evacuation status. Visit <http://www.parkco.us> for up to date information. The speed limit on Highway 285 is posted at 50 mph; there is no stopping in the fire area. Please be cautious as fire apparatus and crew buggies are entering the highway.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO Percent Contained: 93%

Start Date: June 28, 2018 Total Personnel: Approximately 64

Size: 13,023 acres Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: One Type 1 crew, Four engines, One masticator

Helicopters: One Type 1, One Type 3

Weston Pass Fire Information

July 16, 2018 Update

#westonpassfire

Firefighters and equipment moved to hard packed roads during the rain yesterday. Jones Hill reported .54" of rain last night. During the rain, several places along CR 22 had minor flooding last evening. The event precipitated a 911 call from a resident. In one place the water flow was described as black mud. This is an example of the need for the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team who will begin their assessment process within the fire area today. See <https://www.fs.fed.us/b.../watershed/burnareas/background.html> for more information about BAER. Fire Statistics:

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Start Date: June 28, 2018 Total Personnel: Approximately 64

Size: 13,023 acres Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: One Type 1 crew, Four engines, One masticator

Helicopters: One Type 1, One Type 3

7/26/18 8:24 pm

CORA has received over an inch of rain in about 40-45 minutes.

There was a flash flood coming down the canyon in RGS. It appears no park models or trailers were damaged in RGS. The water came up on the road and a few feet onto the properties in RGS.

The water and debris came down past the corral (horses appear to be okay) and onto Highway 285. They have closed the highway as the water is still running. Fast moving water was running across the entrance of CORA.

It also appears no CORA buildings were damaged during this event. Some flooding in the pool restrooms - it appears nothing serious at this point.

Jane and Tom Tingle

Mon 7/16, 9:24 PM

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Hopefully no more rain this evening or tomorrow. We will assess the damage in the morning.

We cannot believe this - Fire, Evacuation, Tornado and a Flash Flood --- What NEXT?!

Jane and Tom Tingle, Caretakers, Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

7/17/18 - 4pm

The Buffalo Peaks Reservoir (aka, the pond, the fishing pond, the reservoir, etc) is closed until further notice per John Adams, Manager, Ranch of the Rockies (RORA).

A flash flood also hit the reservoir last night - it's a mess!

The office will not be issuing Fishing Permits until the Buffalo Peaks Reservoir (the pond) is opened.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Jane Tingle, Caretaker, Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA)

7/22/18 afternoon Weston Fire Facebook page

This may be the last post on this FB page.

Weston Pass Fire is still at 93% containment. The other 7% is in the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness, (BPW). The BPW part of the fire is now being handled with confinement suppression strategies. This includes bucket drops, firefighters working directly on hotspots, using topographic features, and weather. This decision was made by fire managers to limit the exposure and risk to firefighters and because the scattered hotspots make it impossible to draw a containment line. Residents can expect to see interior smoke all summer. Firefighters will continue patrolling the area.