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## Oak Ridge Fire Update

Friday, June 28, 2024

### Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team 3

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**Location:** Three miles northwest of Beulah, CO

**Size:** 1,109 acres

**Date Reported:** June 22, 2024

**Containment:** 0

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Personnel:** 445

The Complex Incident Management Team 3, cooperators, and agency administrators are working closely using an Incident Strategic Alignment Process to evaluate the strategic plan and firefighting tactics daily. The ISAP process analyzes critical values at risk, strategy and strategic actions, risk to responders and the probability of success. Working together through this process ensures an alignment of management decisions and communications. Learn more about the ISAP process through the ISAP story map at <https://bit.ly/45Rmp9q>.

#### Current Situation

Yesterday, firefighters constructed handline along the fire's edge on the east perimeter in Division K. Crews will continue to strengthen portions of this containment line and are planning to burn out some areas between the containment lines and the fire's edge to minimize the risk to the community of Beulah. Burning out these areas allows firefighters to use containment lines that are in more favorable terrain and fuels to increase the likelihood that the lines will hold and to improve firefighter safety. Line construction in Division A progressed to the west toward the division break with Division U. At this point, escape routes or areas to establish adequate safety zones do not exist due to the rugged terrain and fuel density. Working directly on the fire's edge is not an option for firefighter safety. Airtankers established a solid line of retardant around the fire perimeter to slow the spread of the fire to the west. Helicopters will continue to drop water along the fire perimeter to cool down areas of heat and help slow the fire's spread in all areas of the fire.

Firefighters completed placement of structure protection measures around homes inside the Middle Creek Canyon Road evacuation area. The structure protection group is working today in Beulah Highlands to build upon existing defensible space to further mitigate the risk of fire to structures. This includes the placement of hoselays, pumps and sprinklers and removal of additional fuels where needed.

**Weather & Smoke Information:** Warmer and drier conditions are expected today. There's a potential for brief showers and thunderstorms developing in the afternoon that can produce wind gusts up to 40 mph.

The U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program is now producing a daily smoke outlook report specific to south central Colorado and the Oak Ridge Fire. You can read and download the outlook by going to <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/d9fa3c77>.

**Closures:** The Middle Creek Road is closed. The San Carlos Ranger District of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests issued an area, trail and road closure effective June 26, 2024. Go to [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/psicc/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/psicc/alerts-notice) to read and download the entire order.

**Evacuations:** Homes along the Middle Creek Canyon Road are under a mandatory evacuation. The following are in a pre-evacuation status: Vine Mesa, Cascade Ave., Pine Ave., and Beulah Highlands Rd. Go to [www.puebloemergency.info](http://www.puebloemergency.info) for all evacuation information.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire area. If you FLY, we CAN'T. Do not fly or operate your own drones in this area, as it will impede firefighting efforts and ground our aircraft.

#### OAK RIDGE FIRE INFORMATION

**Fire Information Phonenumber:** 719-315-1536    **Time:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Facebook:** @OakRidgeFire2024    **Email:** 2024.oakridge@firenet.gov

**InciWeb:** [www.inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/copsf-oak-ridge-fire](http://www.inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/copsf-oak-ridge-fire)

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