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Oak Ridge Fire Update

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team 3

Casey Cheesbrough, Incident Commander

Location: Three miles northwest of Beulah, CO

Size: 1,310 acres

Date Reported: June 22, 2024

Containment: 70%

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 521

Yesterday afternoon, some smoke was visible in Div. U. This smoke was well within the fire containment lines and posed no threat to the lines. Smokes will continue to be visible within the fire perimeter when weather and fuel conditions align. Firefighters on the ground and aerial resources will continue to monitor the fire. Until the fire is fully contained firefighters will be monitoring fire activity, repairing suppression impacts and backhauling equipment from the line.

Aviation resources including fixed wing aircraft, helicopters and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) have played a valuable role in with the Oak Ridge Fire. To date, a total of 402,674 gallons of water and 19,044 gallons of fire retardant have been dropped on the fire. The UAS dropped 1,222 dragon eggs (plastic spheres that chemically react to ignite) in Div. K to assist firefighters with the strategic firefighting operation. A total of 19,910 pounds of cargo has been backhauled from the fireline.

This evening, there will be a transfer of command from the Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team 3 (RMA CIMT3) to a Type 3 Incident Management Organization. The new team is comprised mainly of members from the outgoing team with on the ground experience of the fire. RMA CIMT3 would like to thank the local cooperators and public for their understanding, cooperation and patience during the fire. The management of the fire has endured adaptations in strategies with the overall goals will continue to be to protect firefighter safety, the community of Beulah and the Middle Creek Watershed.

The public is encouraged to continue going to Facebook and Inciweb for updated information on the Oak Ridge Fire. Also, boards at the Beulah General Store and Beulah Fire Department will continue to be posted with updated information.

Weather & Smoke Information: Isolated showers and thunderstorms are expected over the Wet Mountains Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons with a 30% chance of precipitation hitting the fire. Today's temperatures will reach 83 with relative humidity levels reaching as low as 29%. Winds will be west to east/southeast with gusts up to 14 mph. The U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program daily smoke outlook report specific to the fire area may be found at <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/d9fa3c77>.

Closures: 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-notices for the entire order.

Evacuations: There are currently no evacuations from county sheriff offices due to the Oak Ridge Fire.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: There is a 24-hour a day Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire area remains in effect. The TFR includes restrictions against private drones and all air incursions will be reported to law enforcement.

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

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