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Oak Ridge Fire Update

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Type 3 Incident Management Organization

Pat Seekins, Incident Commander

Location: Three miles northwest of Beulah, CO

Size: 1,310 acres

Date Reported: June 22, 2024

Containment: 76%

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 192

The Oak Ridge Fire Incident Command Post is now located at the Beulah Fire Department. There was no change in acreage and fire containment, but there was a reduction in fire personnel as fire managers right sized the organization. Yesterday, smoke well within the interior was visible due to the hotter and drier conditions. These conditions will continue through the weekend as high pressure strengthens across the region, increasing temperatures. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) drones with infrared detection are being used to assist firefighters in suppressing the fire, along with helicopter operations. One of the priorities for the Oak Ridge Fire continues to be suppression repair to restore areas impacted by firefighting efforts. Chipping is now nearly complete in DIV A and D. Crews continue to use the hose lay on the south end of DIV K, working to cool off heat to the extent necessary long the fire edge. Firefighters in DIV K, continue to take apart hose lays from contingency lines east of fire in Middle Creek. On the west side, firefighters continue to rehab hand line by constructing water bars and pulling previous cut vegetation over the area.

Today, fire crews will be chipping previously cut vegetation from fire line construction along the fire line in DIV K. Pockets of heat persist within the interior along the southern edge of DIV K, and firefighters are thoroughly identifying and extinguishing remaining hot spots to secure containment. On the west end, crews will be pulling previous vegetation in the Second Mace area located south, southwest of the fire. Resource advisors and firefighters are working together to complete suppression repair. The information board at the Beulah Fire Department slash pile will be removed this afternoon and firefighters will also burn the existing slash pile this morning.

Weather & Smoke Information: Last night, portions of the fire received up to .5" of rain. Today is going to be hotter and drier with temperatures in the 80's and relative humidities as low as 14%. Winds will be light and variable throughout the day with a 20% chance of isolated thunderstorms this afternoon.

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.

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InciWeb: www.inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/copsf-oak-ridge-fire

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