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## Oak Ridge Fire Update Saturday July 13, 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:** 89%

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Personnel:** 80

On Friday, chipping operations progressed towards the east end of the fire and will continue over the next few days. Firefighters also started mechanical work with heavy equipment on the west side of the fire. The purpose of utilizing this type of equipment is for suppression repair to return the affected area to as much of a pre-existing condition as possible.

Ground support also organized equipment in the fire area to prepare for a sling operation which will occur this morning. Sling loading is when helicopters transport packaged equipment used in the firefighting efforts to a designated area, which will be transported back to a fire storage facility.

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) drones recorded video footage from burnt areas. This data will be used to aid a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team, which is arriving on Monday. A BAER team addresses post wildfire stabilization and other issues that may arise from a wildfire. The team focuses on public safety as well as ways to protect the landscape.

Sunday night, the Oak Ridge Fire will be transitioning to a Type 4 Incident Management Organization. This will be comprised of a Type 4 Incident Commander and various area resources. The Oak Ridge Fire information board located at the Beulah Post Office parking lot will be removed Sunday morning. The last daily update will be Sunday morning.

**Weather & Smoke Information:** Today we will see mostly clear skies with a slight chance of early afternoon showers. Those showers could produce winds up to 30 mph. Temperatures will rise to near 90 at lower elevations of the fire and continue through the weekend with critical daytime relative humidity between 10% and 15%.

The US Interagency 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-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/psicc/alerts-notice) 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](mailto: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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