

DAILY UPDATE Paddock Fire August 16, 2024

Start Date:August 5, 2024Location:Located 20 miles north of EmmettCause:LightningAcres Burned:187,185 acresContainment:93%Resources Assigned:171 – includes 9 engines, 4 hand crews, 8 dozers, 6 water tenders

SUMMARY

Firefighters continue to monitor and patrol the fire perimeter and look for and extinguish any remaining heat in the interior. Crews are working with the local BLM resource specialists to identify, map and repair suppression damage from dozer lines or fences cut for fire suppression. Dozer line repair includes smoothing out the berms on the edges of the lines and building water bars to channel water from the dozer line into the nearby vegetation. This work helps reduce erosion and increases potential for plants and shrubs to reestablish in these areas. Currently, 75% of the suppression repair has been completed, leaving the local area in very good shape.

Crews and firefighters are gradually being released from the Paddock fire as suppression work diminishes and repair work is completed. Estimated containment of this fire is August 18, 2024.

WEATHER

As an upper low sets up to our northwest and an upper high to our southeast, especially hot and dry conditions are forecast. Friday stays moderate as the hot and dry flow will begin setting up, but Saturday is another story. Max temperatures increase by 10 degrees Saturday, and RHs below 15% are anticipated. While peak gusts are only forecast to reach 16-18 mph. We stay juxtaposed between the low and the high trough the 7-day forecast, which will favor hot and dry conditions continuing.

ROAD CLOSURES

There are no road closures. However, vigilance is important as many of the roads around the fire are narrow with sharp curves and fire crews and locals are traveling these areas.