

Weston Pass Fire Information

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Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5876/>

Social Media: www.facebook.com/westonpassfire/

July 3, 2018 (11:00 AM)

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Location of tonight's community meeting has been changed to Southpark High School gymnasium, 640 Hathaway Street, Fairplay, Colorado at 6 p.m.

Weather:

Weather today is forecast to be mostly sunny early with areas of smoke then partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms expected to develop around noon. Winds near the thunderstorms will be strong gusty and erratic, with gusts up to 45 mph possible. There is also a high probability of dry lightning. High temperatures of 77 degrees, 10-15% relative humidity are predicted.

Current Situation:

On Tuesday, the fire continued to move in a southerly direction and grew about 3,000 acres. A successful firing operation was conducted along Forest Service roads 156 and 168. Due to the very dry conditions, several spot fires occurred and were successfully suppressed by ground crews with support from helicopters assigned to the incident.

Significant emphasis is focused on protecting the Campground of the Rockies Association (CORA) and the fire remains approximately one mile northwest of CORA. A structure protection plan for CORA is nearing completion.

Mop up continues to further secure this section on the northeast end of the fire, in the Rich Creek and Lynch Creek area and the northeast section along US 285.

Today's operation will again include firing operations to establish a line along Forest Service road 168. This tactic is used to remove fuel between containment lines and the fire's edge to slow or halt the fire's advancement. Along Forest Service road 433 west toward 431, dozer lines will fortify that road as a southern primary containment line to hold the fire. Once this line is in place additional firing operations will be conducted as conditions allow.

Information Briefing: There will be a public briefing at 2:00 PM outside at Prather's Grocery Store, 301 US Hwy 285, Fairplay. Public Information Officers will conduct these briefings on a daily basis.

Closures and Public Safety: U.S. Highway 285 between Fairplay and Antero and Weston Pass Road (County Road 22) will remain closed. For up to date information visit www.cotrip.org. Evacuation status may change and evolve. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.parkco.us>.

Fire Statistics:

Location: 9 miles south of Fairplay, CO

Start Date: June 27, 2018

Size: 9,342 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Total Personnel: Approximately 412

Cause: Lightning

Resources Include: Three Type 1 hand crews, 7 Type 2 hand crews, 13 engines, and 2 dozers

Aircraft: Three Type 1, one Type 2, two Type 3 helicopters and one fixed wing air attack