

6/8/2018 A.M. Update

416 Fire Wildfire
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Summary:

The burnout operation that took place overnight on the south side of the fire was successful. Crews performed burning operations until approximately midnight. The burnout areas extended to the railroad line on the southeast side. Hand crews constructed check lines to help slow the fire. Crews, engines, and air support worked to prevent the fire from spreading toward structures. Aircraft dropped retardant on the south ridge and this tactic proved effective at delaying spread to lower areas. No structures have been lost. Increased acreage figures reflect both burnout activity and natural fire growth.

The east perimeter along 550 showed less activity last night. Crews are mopping up and watching for any hot spots.

Aerial operations on the north side are creating a larger burnout area to serve as a barrier should the fire spread in this direction from the southwest. Crews are also focusing on structure protection. Further north and ahead of the fire, managers are forming strategies in the event of fire growth, and more equipment and resources will be arriving today.

On the west, the fire has crossed Hermosa Creek Trail. Topography in this area is steep, but hand crews have constructed a hand line stretching from the campground southeast to the road. Aircraft are the main source of surveillance and control in this difficult terrain.

Wind today will be calmer than in previous days. Fire weather potential is high today with temperatures in the high 70s to low 80s and low relative humidity.

Air resources now consist of four type 1 helicopters, two type 2 helicopters, and two type 3 helicopters. Fixed wing aircraft are also being used for retardant drops.

Steps are in place for the smooth transfer of command from the Type 2 Rocky Mountain Incident Management Blue Team to the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Type 1 Team. The new team will take command at 6:00am Saturday morning.

For a video of today's operation plan, please go to our Facebook page.