

Dead Dog and Hunter Fires Update

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Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team Black
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Information Center: (970) 549-0723
Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This will be the final update for the Dead Dog and Hunter Fires from Rocky Mountain Team Black

Current Situation: Containment of the Dead Dog Fire has increased to 95 percent and the size remains 17,731 acres. On Thursday, firefighters worked diligently to increase containment of the Dead Dog Fire by making efficient use of the available resources. Because of the increased containment and reduce threat, Rio Blanco County Road 65/Moffat County Road 61 was reopened as of 9:00 p.m. on Thursday. On Friday, firefighters will focus their efforts on completing containment lines and patrolling the fire's perimeter.

The Hunter Fire was 100 percent contained at 992 acres on Wednesday evening. On Thursday, firefighters were able to locate all remaining hot spots within the fire perimeter with assistance of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control's Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA). On Friday, the Hunter Fire will be staffed with limited resources focused on patrolling the fire's perimeter.

Smoke may be visible at times within the Dead Dog and Hunter Fires' perimeters. No additional growth is expected, however firefighters will continue working both fires until they are completely controlled.

As a result of the progress made over the last several days, Rocky Mountain Team Black will transfer command of the Dead Dog and Hunter Fires to a smaller incident management organization. Dead Dog and Hunter Fire information will be communicated through the Bureau of Land Management and Rio Blanco County as needed.

Weather: Temperatures on Friday are expected to be in the low 90s. Winds will be from the east in the morning, switching to west winds in the afternoon. Wind speeds will range from 5 mph in the morning to 14-18 mph in the afternoon with gusts to 30 mph.

Safety: Despite success in containing the Dead Dog and Hunter Fires, the potential for another wildfire remains high due to dry vegetation, high temperatures, and low relative humidity. Fire officials urge extreme caution with all combustible materials to prevent human-caused fires.

Closures: None.

Dead Dog Fire

Start Date: 06/11/17	InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5242/
Location: 10 mi. N of Rangely, CO	Email: deaddogfireinfo@gmail.com
Size: 17,731 acres	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DeadDogFire/
Percent Contained: 95%	Twitter: #DeadDogFire
Cause: Human, Under Investigation	

Hunter Fire

Start Date: 06/10/17	InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5240/
Location: 20 mi. SW of Meeker, CO	Email: hunterfireinfo2017@gmail.com
Size: 992 acres	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Hunter-Fire-715961815277943/
Percent Contained: 100%	Twitter: #HunterFire
Cause: Lightning	

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