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## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Date: August 10, 2020

Time: 3:15 PM

Title: I-70 closed through Glenwood Canyon Due to a Brush Fire

**IMPORTANT:** Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

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A brush fire near mile markers 120-121 in Glenwood Canyon began at approximately 1:30 PM has necessitated the closure of I-70 in both directions through Glenwood Canyon. I-70 Westbound is currently closed at the Dotsero exit 133 and east bound in Glenwood Springs; I-70 is closed at the 114 exit.

The brush fire is spreading towards the ridge. At this point, no residential structures are threatened and no evacuations have been ordered. Residents in the area should be vigilant and prepared to evacuate if necessary. It is anticipated that most of the firefighting will be done from the air; Glenwood Springs Fire Department is on scene and managing the incident.

Please help our first responders by staying clear of the area and allowing them to do their jobs in the safest and most efficient method possible.

The best alternate route from the east is north through Wolcott, Steamboat Springs and Craig then back down Hwy 13 to I-70. This detour will add at least two and one half hours to your travels. From the west, a similar route in reverse will bring you back to I-70. Be patient and understand the traffic on this route is two-way and will not be at the speeds normally associated with Interstate travel.

**Additional information will be released as it becomes available.**

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