

EVENING UPDATE: Cow Creek Fire
Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

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Estes Park, Colo. – Aerial operations supported firefighters as they worked to construct, improve and secure existing fire lines on the Cow Creek Fire. The perimeter of the fire stretches 11.7 miles and has burned 911 acres. Fire activity increased in the northeastern section of the fire and continues to burn at an altitude of 11,040 feet. Over the past four days, the Cow Creek Fire has grown 10-12 acres per day on average. There are 228 personnel working on the fire and there have been no injuries.

Visitor facilities at the Rocky Mountain National Park are **open** and operating as usual despite the Cow Creek Fire burning in the wilderness. Though most trails are open, the McGraw Ranch Road, Cow Creek Trail, North Boundary Trail and the Dunraven/North Fork Trail remain closed to the public due to continued fire traffic.

“Though excellent progress has been made in managing the Cow Creek Fire, it is important to remember that the fire will burn hotter at times as it burns through higher concentrations of fuels,” said Incident Commander Todd Pechota. “Visitors to the park and residents in the area of the Cow Creek Fire should expect to see smoke on warmer, winder days than on cooler, wetter days during the weeks and months ahead.”

Further information about this fire will be posted on www.inciweb.org.

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Media Notes:

- Media in the area are requested to stop in at Incident Command Post (ICP), located at Estes Park Middle School, 1500 Manford Avenue, Estes Park, CO 80517 or call Laura McConnell at 303-775-9132.
- Aerial footage of the Cow Creek Fire has been posted to [inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org) and the Rocky Mountain National Park webpage: http://www.nps.gov/romo/photosmultimedia/roaming_rocky.htm
- The next update will be July 1, 2010.