

MORNING UPDATE: Cow Creek Fire
Friday, July 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

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Estes Park, Colo. – Significant progress has been made on the Cow Creek Fire with 80 percent containment on the southern and eastern flank of the fire. Today firefighters will continue to secure line on the northeast edge fire and monitor the eastern flank. The fire received rain yesterday, however it was not enough to extinguish the fire. “The heavy, down fuels will continue to hold heat from the fire until significant moisture occurs,” said Incident Commander Todd Pechota. “When temperatures increase and the fuels dry out fire behavior may increase and smoke may be visible”. The fire has burned 914 acres and 234 personnel are supporting the fire, however resources continue to be released.

A helicopter from the Cow Creek Fire assisted park rangers in Rocky Mountain National Park with a short-haul rescue of an injured hiker on Longs Peak. Short-haul is a technique used to transport one or more persons suspended beneath a helicopter. The Grand Teton National Park short-haul team is assigned to the Cow Creek Fire to respond to potential medical emergencies that may occur on the fireline.

Visitor facilities at 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.

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.
- The next update will be July 3, 2010 at 9:00am unless significant activity occurs.