



# Muddy Slide Fire Daily Facts

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

## Fire Facts

### Location

6 miles east of Yampa, CO &  
16 miles west of Kremmling, CO on  
the Routt National Forest

**Fire size today:** 4,093 acres

**Containment:** 57% contained

**Fire start date:** June 20, 2021

**Cause:** Lightning

### Resources:

222 personnel, including:

4 crews

16 Engines

5 Heavy equipment

2 Type 1 helicopters

1 Type 2 helicopter

1 Type 3 helicopter

1 Air Attack (aerial supervision)

### Temporary Flight Restriction

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect for the fire area and has been enlarged to include Stagecoach Reservoir. Drones are hazards for our pilots and ground crews. Remember: If You Fly, We Can't! For details on the TFR, see <https://tfr.faa.gov/>

### Donations are not needed

Our firefighters are well supplied with everything they need, so community donations are not necessary. Please consider donating to your local fire department or the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.

### Management

Great Basin Team 2, Type 3 Incident Management Team

## Current Situation

- At 6:00 pm on Monday, July 5, Great Basin Team 2 (Type 3) assumed command of the Muddy Slide Fire.
- This fire is expected to be a long-duration event, and additional resources will be made available as they are needed, depending upon fire activity.
- Areas of heat were identified in the northwest corner of the fire. Firefighters have been able to work near the fire's edge to cool hot spots in this area. Expect isolated thunderstorms and showers Thursday through Saturday and gusts up to 16 mph.

## Operational plan for today

- Crews will continue to work around the fire's edge on the west side of the fire as weather permits. Equipment continues to make indirect line improvements while securing the line around the uncontrolled fire line with hand crews, going direct when it's safe. The previous days rain was measured with a remote automated weather station on the northwest of the fire with a total of .13 inches. With continued moisture in the forecast, it will help cool hot spots on the north end of the fire, and around Muddy and Clear Creek. Helicopters will continue to drop water on the heated areas as well keeping spot fires to a minimum.
- On the south side of the fire, heavy equipment will be used to remove fuels and secure fire lines. This will provide a safe site for any potential burnout operations, should future conditions allow.

## County Fire Restrictions

- Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect in Routt County. For details, see <https://www.co.routt.co.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=439>

## National Forest Road Closures and Fire Restrictions

- There is still an area closure around the fire. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. Fireworks are always illegal on federally-managed public lands. For current forest closure and restriction information, see <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/mbr/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5139680&width=full>

## Fire Conditions and Weather

- Scattered thunderstorms forecasted may bring moisture and lightning to the area. Gusty outflow winds around cells may increase fire behavior along uncontrolled fireline and green islands. Isolated tree torching and spotting very likely if thunderstorms are dry. Another concern will be lightning in or near the fire area causing new starts and exhausting Incident and local resources.

**Fire information public hotline: 406-233-9753 Hours 8 am-8 pm**

**Email: 2021.MuddySlide@FireNet.gov**

**Muddy Slide Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7566/>**

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