

Aspen Acres Fire Update

Monday, July 6, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.

Alaska Complex Incident Management Team 1
Jake Livingston, Incident Commander



Size: 91,523 | **Containment:** 12% | **Total Personnel:** Approximately 1,374
Location: 10 Miles NW of Rye, CO in Custer and Pueblo Counties
Reported: June 29, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. | **Cause:** Human, Under Investigation
Fire Information Phone Line: 719.697.8353 | **Email:** 2026.aspenacres@firenet.gov

Community Meeting Tonight: The Alaska Complex Incident Management Team will hold a community meeting tonight at 7PM at Centennial High School, 2525 Mountview Drive in Pueblo. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be shared live on Aspen Acres Fire Facebook page.

Fire Update: On Sunday, gusty, erratic winds from passing thunderstorms increased fire behavior as firefighters battled to protect homes and property. Late in day, the fire made a wind-driven push to the north toward the Greenwood area and Wetmore. Firefighters worked through the night to protect structures, and they were able to establish fireline around Greenwood. Firefighters today are in position to engage flareups, while crews also work to finish dozer line in rugged terrain south of Wetmore.

Elsewhere on the fire, crews worked to add control line and hold their gains despite erratic winds caused by storms. On Siloam Road along the northeast edge firefighters mopped up hot spots while protecting structures, aided by water drops from helicopters. Further south along the eastern edge, hand crews, engines and helicopters were able to knock down a flareup near Even Road. In Rye on Sunday, firefighters mopped up hot spots near dozer line that was recently completed, as they work to secure the edge north of town. Dozer Crews are implementing line that will connect with dozer line coming out of Colorado City. Moving north along the western edge, firefighters protecting structures were actively engaged during flareups along Highway 165 near Middle Creek Sunday, and in the North Creek area along the fire's edge. Fire managers are also looking at implementing new dozer line from Bishop's Castle down into the Middle Creek Drainage.

Weather: Thunderstorms on Sunday produced strong winds, but very little moisture. More isolated storms are forecast over the fire area on Monday, increasing the chances of gusty outflow winds and lightning.

Fire Behavior: Vegetation remains extremely dry and may quickly ignite when flareups occur. Wind gusts from storm cells could increase active fire behavior in isolated areas. There is significant heat along the northeast edge near Wetmore, and in the southwest corner of the fire near Jackson Camp.

Fire Restrictions & Closures: Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect in Custer and Pueblo Counties, as well as on the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands. There is an Aspen Acres Fire Area Closure for the San Carlos Ranger District. Visit:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/psicc/alerts/aspen-acres-fire-area-closure>

Evacuations: Evacuations and pre-evacuations are in place across Custer, Pueblo, Fremont, and Huerfano Counties. Please call the Joint Information Center (JIC) at 719-583-4640 for information about closures, evacuations, Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) information, and more for Pueblo and Custer Counties. Huerfano and Fremont County residents should visit their county's social media pages or call 719-738-1044 for Huerfano County dispatch and 719-276-7421 for the Fremont County Emergency Operations Center.

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place above the fire area. Flying any aircraft within the TFR is prohibited. This includes the use of drones, or unmanned aerial systems.

Air Quality: An Air Resource Advisor is assigned to the incident and assessing where communities may be impacted by smoke. To get daily air quality information, visit <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

The public and members of the media should monitor the following official websites:
www.puebloemergency.info, www.facebook.com/AspenAcresFire2026,
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/copsf-aspen-acres-fire>.

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