



# Derby Fire

White River National Forest

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cowrf-derby-fire>

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## **Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 3, Incident Commander Mike Behrens**

**Location:** 13 miles north of Dotsero, CO

**Start Date:** 8/16/2025;

**Cause:** Lightning **Size:** Est. 4111 acres

**Completion/Containment:** 0% 378 total personnel

### **KEY MESSAGE:**

**Firefighters are working to protect structures and build control lines along the Derby Fire's south perimeter. Incident managers held a public meeting Friday evening. The Colorado River Rd. closure has been extended south.**

### **CURRENT STATUS:**

Outflow winds have begun to push the Derby Fire south towards the Sweetwater Canyon area. Crews have worked to protect over 350 structures by positioning sprinkler kits and removing surrounding fuels. Other firefighters have constructed about 3 total miles of dozer and hand lines along the fire's southern perimeter using existing roads to connect them and form control lines. Aircraft are supporting firefighting efforts by dropping water and flame retardant along the west flank. The Forest Service is investigating an accident that took place on Friday involving a helicopter assigned to the Derby Fire. The pilot was checked by local medical personnel and is reported to be in good condition with only minor injuries. Incident managers held a community meeting Friday evening to engage the public and answer questions. The Colorado River Rd. closure has been extended south, from the Dotsero roundabout's north side to Red Dirt Rd.

### **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:**

Outflow winds have begun to push the Derby Fire south, but light rains and cooler temperatures are aiding firefighting efforts. Chances of wetting rain will increase through the next week. Daytime smoke and nighttime glows from the fire may be visible.

### **CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:**

Eagle County has issued an evacuation notice for residents of Sweetwater Rd. and Red Dirt Creek. Zones GYF-263, 266-A, 267, 300, 366, and 369 are in pre-evacuation status. More evacuation information is available at [www.ecemergency.org](http://www.ecemergency.org), including where to shelter and resources for pets and livestock.

The Forest Service and BLM have both issued public closure orders in the vicinity of the fire to protect public and firefighter safety. The White River National Forest's closure order and map are posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/whiteriver/alerts/derby-fire-closure-order>. The BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office's closure order and map are posted at <https://www.blm.gov/announcement/blm-issues-land-closure-garfield-and-eagle-counties-firefighting-activities>. In addition, a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Derby Fire. All unauthorized aircraft (including drones) are prohibited from flying near the fire, as they can interfere with authorized air support operations. For more information, visit [www.tfr.faa.gov](http://www.tfr.faa.gov).

