



# 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. 5,346 acres

**Completion/Containment:** 0% 844 total personnel

### **KEY MESSAGE:**

**Coffeepot Road can again be accessed from its intersection with Colorado River Rd, as the southern end of the Colorado River Road closure has been moved northward. The Garfield County and Eagle County Sheriff's Offices have changed the evacuation status for Sweetwater Valley and Sheep Creek to pre-evacuation (SET) status.**

### **CURRENT STATUS:**

Wetting rain fell across the Derby Fire on Monday morning, and fire behavior has temporarily moderated across the area. However incident managers predict wildfire activity will increase again when the weather warms and fuels dry out. Firefighters are continuing to build control lines along the east, south, and west flanks from a network of roads, dozer line, and hand line. They will work to strengthen and widen those fire lines as weather and conditions allow. About three quarters of the recent growth on the eastern perimeter has been halted with new control lines. Structure protection crews are working along Red Dirt Creek Road. Across the fire they have prepared over 500 structures by positioning sprinkler kits and removing surrounding fuels. Incident managers held a community meeting Monday evening to engage the public and answer questions.

### **Weather and Fire Behavior:**

Wetting rains fell on the Derby Fire on Monday morning, and there is a strong likelihood that the rains will continue on Tuesday and throughout the week. Daytime smoke and nighttime fire glows may be visible at times when fuels dry out and fire activity increases.

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

Garfield and Eagle Counties have changed the evacuation status for Sweetwater Valley and Sheep Creek to pre-evacuation (SET). Zones GYF-263, 266-A, 267, 300, 366, and 369 are also in pre-evacuation status. More evacuation information is available at <https://arcg.is/S0u4G> and [www.ecemergency.org](http://www.ecemergency.org), including where to shelter and resources for pets and livestock.

Coffeepot Road can again be accessed from its intersection with Colorado River Road, as the southern end of the Colorado River Road closure has been moved northward to a site just past its intersection with Coffeepot. Beyond that, Colorado River Road remains closed to non-residents and unapproved traffic through its intersection with Red Dirt Creek Road.

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/expanded-derby-fire-closure>. 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>. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Derby Fire.

