



# Derby Fire

White River National Forest

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

**August 25, 2025**

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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. 5346 acres

**Completion/Containment:** 0% 648 total personnel

### **KEY MESSAGE:**

**A Community Meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 25, 6:30 PM at the Gypsum Town Hall. It will be live streamed on the Derby Fire Facebook page and simulcast in Spanish on**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@DerbyFireInformation>.**

**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:**

About three quarters of the recent growth on the fire's southeast flank has been halted with new control lines. The fire is growing slowly on other parts of its south perimeter, where firefighters are constructing control lines from a network of roads, dozer line, and hand line. On Sunday they worked to strengthen and widen those fire lines and will continue through the next several days as weather and conditions permit. 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. Air support assisted by dropping flame retardant and water on the fire's southeast flank.

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

On Sunday, light but wetting rains fell on the Derby Fire, and the chance for monsoonal rain possibly accompanied by lightning will continue through most of the week. Daytime smoke and nighttime fire glows may be visible.

### **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 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.

The Colorado River Rd remains closed to non-residents and unapproved traffic at the roundabout north of Dotsero to Red Dirt Rd. Note that Coffeepot Rd. cannot be accessed from its intersection with Colorado River Rd.

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.

