



## **MILE MARKER 117 FIRE**

Friday, April 20, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Area Type 2 Incident Management Team Black  
Mark Hatcher, Incident Commander

Information Center: 719-428-5223 - Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **100% CONTAINMENT ACHIEVED**

**Current Situation:** Wildland hand crews, working together with firefighters, engines, and heavy equipment completed containment line around the unsecured portions of the fire. Incident Commander Mark Hatcher announced that the Mile Marker 117 Fire was 100% contained as of end of operational period, Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Even though the fire is fully contained, as a safeguard, firefighters will continue to monitor containment lines and extinguish any hot spots observed near the perimeter.

This afternoon as wind speeds increased, swirling clouds of ash were observed. These ash clouds can look like smoke. Residents should expect to see blowing ash and occasional smoke from the interior of the fire area over the coming days.

**Drone Intrusion:** At 12:31 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018 firefighters observed an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone) operating within the restricted airspace above the Mile Marker 117 Fire. Planned air operations were immediately suspended and Law Enforcement was notified.

Flying a drone near firefighting aircraft not only poses a hazard to pilots, but when aircraft are grounded because of a violation of the TFR (Temporary Flight Restriction), the safety of firefighters on the ground is compromised, and firefighting aircraft are not available to protect homes and property.

A drone pilot found to be in violation of an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) TFR could be convicted of a federal crime and be subject to substantial penalties.

**Weather:** Precipitation is expected over the fire area beginning Friday morning and continuing into the evening. Moisture accumulations of greater than one-half inch is forecast.

**Evacuations and Closures:** All Evacuation Orders have been lifted.

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Fire Statistics:	Cause:	Under Investigation
Location: 10-miles East of Fountain,CO	Start Date:	04-17-2018
Size: 42,795	Percentage Contained:	100%

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