



**UPPER COLORADO RIVER
FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT UNIT**
INTERAGENCY
BLM - NORTHWEST DISTRICT
BLM - SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
USFS - WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST



OCTOBER 19, 2018

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Firefighters continue suppression efforts on Johnny Meyers Fire; fire is now 40% contained

Fire: Johnny Meyers Fire

Containment: 40%

Acres: 88

Start Date: Oct. 18, 2018

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: 2 miles north/northwest of Sweetwater Lake, 14 miles northwest of Dotsero

Total Personnel: 55

Fuels/Topography: grass, mountain shrub and sagebrush, Pinyon juniper

Update: More firefighters arrived overnight and this morning to continue suppression efforts on the Johnny Meyers Fire which is burning approximately 2 miles north of Sweetwater Lake on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District. Today, two helicopters are on scene conducting water bucket drops to cool hot spots while crews build direct containment line on the perimeter of the fire. Crews are also working to extinguish hot spots within the perimeter of the fire where it is safe to do so. The eastern edge of the fire remains moderately active, burning in some sage and aspen. The fire did not grow overnight, the increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

"We are encouraged by the increase in containment on this fire," stated Rick Truex, acting District Ranger. "Crews continue to diligently work to suppress this fire. In the meantime, we can't emphasize enough how important it is for hunters and the public to avoid this area as we have multiple hand crews, support staff and aircraft working there at this time and firefighter and public safety is our top priority."

Closures: No evacuations or closures are in place at this time, however the public is asked to avoid the area for public and firefighter safety as suppression operations are ongoing.

Weather: Today's weather is 40 degrees and breezy, similar conditions are expected tomorrow.

Smoke: Some smoke may be visible from the Colorado River Road.

No Fly Zone: Aerial operations are ongoing. Please refrain from flying drones in the area. Remember, if you fly, we can't.

***Photos courtesy of Gypsum Fire Protection District/Chelsey Johnson**





Johnny Meyers Fire

CO-WRF-000674
Vicinity Map
October 18, 2018

Fire Location



Legend

- Fire Location
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- US Forest Service

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