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RED LEDGE FIRE UPDATE JULY 16, 2016

The Red Ledge Fire, located 2 miles east of Currant Creek is currently 274 acres. Fire behavior is expected to continue with active burning as temperatures are expected to remain high through the weekend. There is an increased chance of thunderstorms on Sunday. Smoke will continue to be visible from surrounding areas.

Fire crews from cooperating agencies will continue to strengthen indirect lines minimizing the risk to firefighter safety. Crews may continue to burn small timber patches to reduce fuel accumulation and promote aspen regeneration. Other objectives include: decreasing the potential for high intensity wildfires by reintroducing fire into beetle killed timber stands, minimizing fire spread to state and private lands, and providing structure protection.

All Currant Creek recreation and camping areas are open. Expect delays if you are traveling on Forest Service road #080 (just below the Currant Creek Dam) as the road will be intermittently closed throughout the day due to fire operations. Off-road vehicles and other recreationists may encounter fire equipment in the area.

Every wildland fire will have a response. We will continue to suppress fires that threaten lives, homes and critical resources. We will continue to use fire as an important land management tool to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuel loading, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Further updates will be posted as information is available.

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