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PRESS RELEASE

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Sunrise Court Fire Update

Glenwood Springs, Colo. – Around 2:40 p.m. on August 28, 2019, Glenwood Springs Fire Department was called for a report of a brush fire between Four Mile Ranch and County Road 163 (Prehem Ranch Road).

Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke and flames moving quickly through the brush in the area. Firefighters on scene worked to protect homes as the flames approached. 45 firefighters and 17 fire apparatus from Glenwood Springs Fire Department and other fire agencies responded. A helicopter did bucket drops over the fire, with two Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) each dropping two loads of retardant.

Residences on Sunrise Court and Red Cliff Road were evacuated, but are being allowed to return at 7:30 p.m. Only local residents will be allowed in the subdivision until the fire is out. Prehem Ranch Road is also closed to traffic, other than residents. The public is asked to avoid the area to allow firefighters room to work.

Fire officials expect some flare ups during the night. Firefighters will be patrolling the area overnight. A hand crew is expected to arrive tomorrow morning to work on the fire line.

As of 7 p.m., the fire is estimated at 15-20 acres. The Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control Multi-Mission Aircraft will be flying over the fire to determine the fire perimeter and accurate acreage. There have been no structures lost.

“Keeping the public safe and protecting homes is our number one priority. The residents in Four Mile Ranch subdivision evacuated quickly, allowing firefighters to access the fire sooner, said Battalion Chief Doug Gerrald. “Glenwood Springs firefighters, along with our partners at other Roaring Fork Valley fire departments and law enforcement agencies, worked hard to prevent any injuries or loss of property at the Sunrise Court Fire.”

The cause of the fire is unknown, it will be investigated by the Garfield County Fire Investigation team, in conjunction with Glenwood Springs Fire Department.

Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, Colorado River Fire Rescue, Interagency Fire, Grand Valley Fire Department, Vail Fire Department, Eagle River Fire Department, Glenwood Springs Police Department, Garfield County Sheriff's Department, Garfield County Road and Bridge Department, Black Hills Energy and Holy Cross Electric also responded to this incident.

Glenwood Springs Fire Department's Facebook page will be updated with the latest information on the fire as updates occur. The public can also call 970-384-6436 for fire information. Media requests should be directed to 970-384-6436.

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