Aspen Acres Fire Update – August 20, 2026

Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team 7
Incident Commanders Matt Weakland and Joe Milligan (trainee)
Fire Information: (719) 697-8353 Operational Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Size: 102,004 acres | **Containment:** 72% | **Cause:** Human | **Start Date:** June 29, 2026
Location: 10 Miles NW of Rye, CO | **Total Personnel**: 131

KEY MESSAGES
The Wyoming Team would like to thank residents for their continued support and patience. We want to remind everyone that the Pike–San Isabel National Forest remains closed for firefighter and public safety. Crews are working with heavy equipment to repair fire lines and extinguish remaining sources of heat near existing lines.

While Forest Service roads are closed State highways are open, but please drive cautiously and stay alert to changing road conditions.

Crews continue making steady progress—reinforcing fire lines, chipping brush, removing hazardous trees, repairing culverts, and restoring areas damaged by active fire suppression. These efforts help stabilize soils, protect waterways, reduce erosion, and support natural regrowth. This work is essential for improving wildlife habitat, strengthening ecosystem resilience, and promoting long-term forest recovery.

CURRENT SITUATION
Each day brings its own challenges, especially with changing weather. Recent storms have produced uneven rainfall across the burned area. Some sections received enough moisture to calm remaining heat, while others saw little to none and remain dry. Crews continue repairing areas affected by suppression operations.

WEATHER
Current conditions near the Aspen Acres Fire include ongoing showers and thunderstorms, with a Flash Flood Watch expected due to yesterday's warning ending Wednesday evening.

Steep terrain, saturated soils, in the burned area which may lead to localized flooding, debris flows, unstable slopes, and falling tress. Lightning and sudden wind shifts remain safety concerns, and changing ground conditions may affect suppression-repair and heavy-equipment operations. Visit: https://www.weather.gov/pub/

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS
A **fire area closure** remains in effect on the Pike-San Isabel National Forest, San Carlos Ranger District, except for the Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness, which is open and accessible only through the Bartlett and Greenhorn trailheads out of Rye. Visit: **https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/psicc/alerts/aspen-acres-fire-area-closure**.

AIR QUALITY For daily air quality information, visit **https://fire.airnow.gov/**.

Aspen Acres Fire Information:
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Post Disaster Resources
Debris Clearing: https://api.crisiscleanup.org/.
Farm Services Administration (FSA): https://farmer.gov/protection-revovery/diaster-tool
Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund Program: CSFS_RCFF@colostate.edu