

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Reservoir blaze began as slash fire - § 1 reference coded [3.10% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.10% Coverage

The two residents, whose names and address were not released, did not have a permit for the fire and have been cooperating with investigators, "and are very sorry for what has happened," said Maj. Justin Smith of the Larimer County Sheriff's Office.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Update on fire all evacuation orders are lifted - § 2 references coded [8.85% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.56% Coverage

With the Fourmile Canyon fire 100 percent contained, the Boulder County sheriff opened the entire area to residents at noon. Many of the more than 3,000 residents who were evacuated when the blaze began Sept. 6 west of Boulder had already returned.

Reference 2 - 4.29% Coverage

Power lines and poles are down, hot spots remain, roads are damaged, utilities are unavailable in some areas, abandoned mine shafts have been exposed and some areas continue to smolder, said Boulder County spokeswoman Barb Halpin.

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_Crews try to contain Crystal Fire - § 1 reference coded [13.97% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 13.97% Coverage

Just before 6:30 p.m., the Larimer County Sheriff's Office issued a telephone notification to residents along Moondance Way, Red Tail Ridge Way and Stringtown Gulch Road to evacuate the area. In addition, residents along Lightning Ridge Way, Ohana Way, Deer Path Street and the lower portion of Wildsong Road have been contacted to evacuate. About 24 homes are affected.

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_High winds to return to fire area - § 2 references coded [6.30% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.33% Coverage

"Any one of them could get out of hand," said Nick Christensen, executive officer of the Larimer County Sheriff's Department. "We're taking this fire very seriously until it's completely out."

Reference 2 - 2.98% Coverage

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Monday signed an executive order designating the region a state disaster area and authorizing \$1.7 million in state aid to pay firefighting costs.

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_Hundreds flee blaze - § 1 reference coded [3.62% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.62% Coverage

Though the fire was deemed a "minimal threat" Sunday evening, Nick Christensen, executive officer of the Larimer County Sheriff's Department, said residents in the community will have to remain vigilant, as wind and drier, warmer temperatures return today.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Evacuations eased for blaze near Fort Collins - § 1 reference coded [3.13% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.13% Coverage

At about 6 p.m., the Larimer County Sheriff's Office lifted the evacuation for residents along Bonner Springs Ranch Road to U.S. 287 and south. An evacuation along Colorado 14 remains active

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Ticket issued overstove - § 1 reference coded [7.41% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 7.41% Coverage

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado on Friday announced that Fort Collins resident James J. Weber, 56, has been cited for causing timber to burn without a permit. According to a news release from the office, Weber is accused of starting the fire on Monday, when a stove he was using while camping along the Hewlett Gulch Trail lit the blaze. The stove was a small, backpacking-style stove that burns alcohol.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Wider evacuation alert issued for Hewlett Fire near Fort Collins - § 1 reference coded [5.36% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.36% Coverage

Hewlett Fire Operations and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday began planning and coordinating with the Livermore and Glacier View fire-protection districts, in case flames move in their direction.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_112 homes were lost in early days - § 1 reference coded [2.64% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.64% Coverage

t least 112 homes burned in the first days of the High Park fire, making the still very active blaze west of Fort Collins the most devastating loss of property to fire in northern Colorado, Larimer County sheriff's executive officer Nick Christensen said this week.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_After the flames - § 1 reference coded [3.75% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.75% Coverage

At 9:30 a.m. every day, Brown logs on to the Larimer County emergency-information update website. Then he drives to Masonville, binoculars on the passenger seat. He greets the sheriff's deputies and National Guard officers whose presence discourages homeowners from sneaking past closed roads. He picks up his mail and then peers through his binoculars, studying the mountain ridge near his home.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Air quality in Fort Collins reaches unhealthy level - § 2 references coded [8.44% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.49% Coverage

It's not uncommon for levels at our monitors to reach 'Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups' periodically but it takes something like a wildfire to jump another category up," said Chris Dann, spokesman for the state's air pollution division.

Reference 2 - 3.95% Coverage

The Air Pollution division has its own Facebook page for additional updates; search for CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division on Facebook. The division's Twitter feed can be found at twitter.com/cdpheapcd.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Attack plan leans on 1910 technique new technologies - § 1 reference coded [3.68% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.68% Coverage

While lines are being carved in the dirt, other crews are spending time defending structures, lighting back burns and fighting the blaze with engines. About 100,000 feet of fire hose is being used on this blaze, Gov. John Hickenlooper said Tuesday at a news briefing after touring the fire.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Blazes temps stoke fears - § 1 reference coded [2.00% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.00% Coverage

"All west-side residents need to be ready for evacuation," Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach told The Gazette. "This is serious."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Colorado Wildfire More homes burn in High Park Fire - § 1 reference coded [3.89% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage

A spot fire sprung from wind-blown embers that shot out of the main blaze erupted north of the Poudre Canyon, prompting the Larimer County Sheriff's Office to issue 998 new evacuation notices for homes. By late afternoon, officials said the spot fire had grown to perhaps 2,000 acres. That additional acreage pushed the High Park fire -- at more than 70,000 acres -- close to becoming the second-largest in state history, behind only the Hayman fire.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_County help us reach you - § 1 reference coded [7.63% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 7.63% Coverage

Larimer County's emergency telephone-alert system -- considered one of the state's best -- has been deployed 21 times for various evacuation calls since the lightning-sparked fire began, said Kimberly Culp, executive director of the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority. But notifying residents in emergencies is an inexact science, and Larimer County officials are using the latest threat to get more people registered to receive alerts by cellphone, text and e-mail.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Disaster cash comes from emergency fund - § 2 references coded [7.86% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage

When Gov. John Hickenlooper on Tuesday declared the High Park fire a disaster, he dipped into an emergency reserve fund to free \$20 million to fight the blaze.

Reference 2 - 3.98% Coverage

State budget director Henry Sobanet said the disaster declaration gave Hickenlooper the ability to move money from existing budgets over to the disaster fund.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Dry heat fuels blaze residents evacuated - § 2 references coded [2.95% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.81% Coverage

LAPORTE Larimer County officials said late Saturday they were worried that a 5,000-acre wildfire 15 miles west of Fort Collins was burning away from wilderness and toward more homes and Poudre Canyon.

Reference 2 - 1.14% Coverage

This is the fire we always worried we might have," said Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith at a news conference Saturday night.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fire blasts over hills Fort Collins-area fire rages out of control expanding in size as mountain residents flee - § 4 references coded [8.04% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.79% Coverage

"It's spread in almost every direction," said Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith. "It splinters to the south, and then it splinters to the east. I don't know that we've ever seen anything like this before."

Reference 2 - 1.37% Coverage

We're definitely competing with fires in New Mexico and other areas," said Nick Christensen, an executive officer with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office.

Reference 3 - 1.63% Coverage

Gov. John Hickenlooper toured the scene Sunday morning.

"This is the fire a lot of folks in Larimer County have always worried about," he said. "We are throwing everything at it that we can."

Reference 4 - 3.25% Coverage

If the towers were lost, it would cut off radio communication except for line-of-sight communications. The site includes the transmitter for KUNC-FM 91.5, off the air since Saturday.

The towers relay "all of the public-safety communications in Larimer County," sheriff's spokesman John Schulz said. "We don't want to be left high and dry if that gets taken out," Schulz said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fires burning across the state - § 1 reference coded [4.35% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.35% Coverage

Numerous Colorado communities, towns and counties have issued fire bans, and last week Gov. John Hickenlooper imposed statewide restrictions, including barring private use of fireworks.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Flames jump river race toward homes - § 1 reference coded [3.34% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.34% Coverage

"We are taking this very seriously," said Larimer County sheriff's executive officer Nick Christensen as helicopters rumbled past carrying buckets of water. "It looks like we can get a handle on it, but it is concerning when fire gets out of a perimeter you would like to keep."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fresh fire crews sought as new arrival ship out fast - § 1 reference coded [2.02% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.02% Coverage

Campfire ban possibleGov. John Hickenlooper was exploring a possible statewide ban on campfires. County-level bans are another possibility.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Grief with some relief death destruction - § 2 references coded [2.98% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.82% Coverage

The Larimer County Sheriff's Office confirmed that Linda Steadman, 62, died in the blaze. She lived at 9123 Old Flowers Road, according to Sheriff Justin Smith.

"We have a burned-out structure," Smith said. "The individual would have most likely been within the structure."

Reference 2 - 1.16% Coverage

"We are making good progress, and in some cases, the fire has died down and moderated," Larimer County executive officer Nick Christensen said Monday afternoon at a briefing.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park Fire 55 percent containment - § 1 reference coded [2.00% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.00% Coverage

On the best day of firefighting on the High Park fire in days, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday lifted evacuation orders for hundreds who live around the edges of the blaze.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire Barriers established on two front - § 2 references coded [2.99% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.96% Coverage

Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith said crews will begin structure assessment today.

Reference 2 - 2.03% Coverage

Larimer County officials said there are people who have refused to evacuate Poudre Canyon and at least one resident who has tried to protect property by doing controlled burns around it.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire scorching tourist economies - § 1 reference coded [3.00% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.00% Coverage

A decade ago, a fire-struck Gov. Bill Owens, fresh off an aerial tour of the state's drought-fueled wildfires, described the scene as "a nuclear winter," uttering to national media that "all of Colorado is on fire today." Tourism to the state plummeted, and tourism business owners assailed the governor.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High winds stymie efforts - § 1 reference coded [1.49% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.49% Coverage

The blaze is 45 percent contained, and while rumors of looting have circulated, there has been no evidence of that, said Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Highpark Fire Homesick about Homes - § 1 reference coded [3.93% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.93% Coverage

Some people learned Wednesday afternoon that their homes had been consumed by the ferocious High Park fire. But others may wait for days, as structure-assessment teams move through neighborhoods, getting an accurate inventory of which of the 118 structures burned in the 46,820-acre blaze were houses, Larimer County Sheriff's Office executive officer Nick Christensen said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Larimer County blaze 45 percent contained - § 1 reference coded [11.77% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 11.77% Coverage

More than 50 homes north and south of CR82E between CR80C and CR67J are still on alert, and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office told residents they should be prepared to evacuate if needed. The evacuation center is at the Livermore Community Hall, 1985 W. CR74E.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_More homes burn - § 1 reference coded [2.69% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.69% Coverage

John Schulz, spokesman for the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, said authorities could not risk allowing people to return and then have no way to reach them if the fire turns back in their direction.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Record 181 homes destroyed - § 2 references coded [5.39% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.42% Coverage

The fire, sparked by lightning June 9, has charred more than 85 square miles west of Fort Collins and destroyed at least 181 homes, Larimer County Sheriff's executive officer Nick Christensen said Saturday.

Reference 2 - 2.97% Coverage

"If it takes time, we'll make sure we have the necessary resources. But we may need some help from Mother Nature," U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said after he and Gov. John Hickenlooper and U.S. Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet toured the fire.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Residents back crews diligent in mop up stage - § 1 reference coded [2.90% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.90% Coverage

The Larimer County Sheriff's Office sent out more than 700 notifications to residents in Rist Canyon saying they can return to their homes Thursday at 5 p.m.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Smell smoke Dont push it - § 1 reference coded [4.24% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.24% Coverage

State air officials urged people to not be complacent even though the monitoring map on their website Monday showed only the Fort Collins area with an orange warning dot, indicating air quality had moved to the "unhealthy for sensitive groups" level.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Some go home while others learn theirs is lost - § 1 reference coded [2.95% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.95% Coverage

The married couple had a home on Kings Canyon Road. They were evacuated two weeks ago and told by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office that their home had been burned to the ground, Gitchel said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Spot Blaze slips past boundary - § 1 reference coded [2.25% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.25% Coverage

"We are probably looking at a couple of days before re-entry can happen," Larimer County sheriff's spokesman John Schulz said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Wildfire sparking event cancellations Ride the Rockies tour could be affected too - § 1 reference coded [2.43% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.43% Coverage

And it isn't only Fort Collins. The Colorado Department of Health on Monday afternoon issued an "action day alert" advising that people from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins consider staying indoors because of poor air quality.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_07_Flood Danger High - § 1 reference coded [3.12% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.12% Coverage

Some of the same northern Colorado residents who fled from a wildfire a few weeks ago were being told to be ready to evacuate again as the Larimer County Sheriff's Office sent out 227 preevacuation notices for residents on Colorado 14 from Mishawaka to Gateway Park because of flash-flood concerns.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_10_Briefs - § 2 references coded [11.06% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.99% Coverage

The Colorado State Patrol and coroner's office were called at 7:29 a.m. to Forest Service Road 700 in Eagle County, said Trooper Nate Reid, CSP spokesman. The name of the victim has not been released.

Reference 2 - 7.07% Coverage

Officer injured in crash released from hospital. A Denver police officer who got into a crash while responding to an emergency call was released from a hospital Saturday, officials say.

John White, a spokesman for the Denver Police Department, said the officer's injuries are minor and that he was treated and released. White did not name the officer.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Evacuation orders eased in Larimer County fire zone - § 1 reference coded [7.93% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 7.93% Coverage

Some evacuees from the Fern Lake fire in Rocky Mountain National Park will be allowed to go home at 9 a.m. Wednesday and the rest could be allowed to return Friday, Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith said Tuesday at a community meeting.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Size blowing up 583 homes evacuated - § 1 reference coded [1.51% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.51% Coverage

"The wind last night was very strong and fanned the flames," said John Schulz, spokesman for the Larimer County Sheriff's Department. "It jumped the lines."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Snow blankets fern lake fire as crews work to gain ground - § 1 reference coded [5.41% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.41% Coverage

About 2 inches of snow fell on the burn area Friday and will "effectively prevent any further spread," according to a 9 a.m. news release Saturday from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Wind fuels worry Strong gusts could create explosive mix in Marys Lake area - § 1 reference coded [2.49% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.49% Coverage

After 250 firefighters tried to hem in the fire Sunday, 150 were assigned to the fire overnight, mainly in home-protection mode, Sheriff Justin Smith told residents at a town meeting Sunday night.

Files\\Denver Post_2013_03_Galena fire in Larimer County 100 percent contained - § 1 reference coded [15.02% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 15.02% Coverage

"Higher humidity and decreased winds throughout the night and today helped firefighters with the fire," the Sheriff's Department stated in an afternoon update. "More favorable weather conditions have been forecast with less wind, higher humidity and a chance for moisture by the weekend."

Files\\Denver Post_2013_03_Winds feed blaze - § 1 reference coded [2.02% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.02% Coverage

"We want to locate those individuals and escort them out of the park," said Executive Officer Nick

Christensen, a Larimer County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

Files\\Denver Post_2013_06_Feds release 20M in wildfire relief - § 1 reference coded [2.93% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.93% Coverage

"This is a huge deal," Suzanne Bassinger, Larimer County's recovery manager, said. "We have been waiting six months for this."

Files\\Denver Post_2016_09_Briefs - § 1 reference coded [4.81% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.81% Coverage

Firefighters with the U.S. Forest Service, Livermore Fire Protection District, and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control will continue to work on the fire on Saturday, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office said in a media release. There were no reported injuries nor residences lost.

Files\\Denver Post_2016_09_Briefs(3) - § 1 reference coded [1.63% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.63% Coverage

The wildfire was in the area of County Road 59 and Starwood Trail, the sheriff's office said.

Files\\Estes Park_2009_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [1.12% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.12% Coverage

The government of the Town of Estes Park strongly supports this Community Wildfire Protection Plan as evidenced by the following statement by the mayor: "In recent years, major wildfires throughout the west have heightened awareness of the risk we face in the Estes Valley. Our scenic surroundings represent both a major attraction and also a potential threat to life and property. Wildfire protection and preparedness planning is a critical step to mitigate fire hazards and to protect our community. This plan outlines actions needed to prepare and equip Estes Park residents to live and prosper within our surrounding forests. Our thanks to the organizations and individuals who collaborated on the development of this Community Wildfire protection Plan ... essential to the future of this special place." Bill Pinkham, Mayor of The Town of Estes Park.

Files\\Oregonian_2008_05_Wyden pushes for quick OK on logging - § 2 references coded [4.94% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.95% Coverage

BEND --Sen. Ron Wyden is asking the U.S. Forest Service to speed approval of logging in areas of eastern Oregon burned by two recent wildfires

Reference 2 - 2.99% Coverage

"Not that industry and environmentalists are going to agree on everything, but I think they are recognizing the need to work together to satisfy the interests of both parties," said Mark Webb, the Grant County judge.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Eastern Oregon fires grow as residents cattle evacuate - § 1 reference coded [5.28% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.28% Coverage

he U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Harney County Sheriff's Office told residents of about 10 homes near Harney Lake that they might be ordered to evacuate. The fire, fueled by hot, dry and windy weather, also threatens Frenchglen, a hamlet at the base of Steens Mountain. Late Wednesday, BLM and sheriff's officials told Frenchglen residents to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Kitzhaber declares wildfires a disaster - § 2 references coded [6.59% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.54% Coverage

Meanwhile, Gov. John Kitzhaber declared a state of emergency in response to the fires that have blackened more than 1,100 square miles in Harney and Malheur counties. In an executive order, the governor directed state agencies to assist affected landowners and seek federal disaster assistance.

Reference 2 - 3.06% Coverage

"It's only an extremely short emergency situation," said Steve Grasty, chairman of the Harney County commissioners. "The refuge has provided fire refuge for the cows, and everyone is grateful they did. . . . There was no intent to open the refuge to grazing."