

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_New fire flares near Loveland - § 2 references coded [5.68% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.84% Coverage

ake Claycomb and his son had just finished a fishing trip at the Pinewood Reservoir when Claycomb spotted smoke coming from a subdivision near the reservoir's entrance. He ducked into the subdivision to see an acre-sized grassfire between two homes and a park ranger on the scene.

Reference 2 - 2.84% Coverage

on Christensen had barely returned to his home on Turkey Creek Trail after a weekend of hunting when he found flames advancing up the hill toward his house of 18 years. He said he fled quickly, leaving his motor home behind and, inadvertently, his 8-year-old Sheltie mix, Traveler.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Reservoir Road Fire weather crews battle looking very good - § 1 reference coded [1.90% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.90% Coverage

"I've got my grandmother's little gold band, and I know it's not worth much moneywise, but to me it means everything," Diane Miller said.

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_High winds to return to fire area - § 1 reference coded [3.77% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.77% Coverage

"It's a crying shame," said Barry Jones, 65, who lives on the edge of the burned area. "That's some of the most beautiful property in Colorado, and it won't look the same for years and years, probably not even in my lifetime."

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_Hundreds flee blaze - § 1 reference coded [2.91% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.91% Coverage

Lauri Dykstra, 52, lives nearby and said a neighbor alerted her to the fire at about 11 p.m. Saturday. She walked out onto her back deck.

"The whole horizon behind us was just bright red and glowing," Dykstra said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_112 homes were lost in early days - § 1 reference coded [1.75% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.75% Coverage

At the Bellvue Bean, a coffee shop inside the fire zone, Susan Lewis of Laporte handed over platters of homemade cookies to proprietor Darren Wurtzberg late Friday afternoon.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_After the flames - § 1 reference coded [2.11% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.11% Coverage

LOVELANDRetiree Dave Eckhardt can remember precise details about what happened just before he and his wife, Pat, were evacuated June 10 from their handsome Craftsman home in Paradise Park. But everything since then is a blur

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Blazes temps stoke fears - § 1 reference coded [3.27% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.27% Coverage

"Today put things on a whole new level," said Lois Ivey, who was visiting from Florida and had been watching the High Park fire events over the past week. "It hit home when it burned a residential area. It's very tense."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Colorado Wildfire More homes burn in High Park Fire - § 1 reference coded [2.30% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.30% Coverage

This is bad right now," said Jim McMinn, a retired pastor who evacuated Friday with his wife, despite not receiving an official order to do so. "The fire departments are doing what they can, and we all have to help each other and put the rest of it in the Lord's big hands."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_County help us reach you - § 1 reference coded [2.09% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.09% Coverage

Robin Flannery, whose home is on Rist Canyon Road, where several homes are feared destroyed, said she was notified Saturday night.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Dry heat fuels blaze residents evacuated - § 1 reference coded [2.09% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.09% Coverage

Resident Jim Key said he took his motorcycle out Saturday afternoon to look at the fire that was sending a plume of smoke over his Stratton Park subdivision. When he returned, he found sheriff's deputies evacuating his neighborhood.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Evacuees persevere as battle rages on - § 1 reference coded [2.90% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.90% Coverage

"The days just kind of slide into one another," said Barger, who has been evacuated from her Poudre Park home three times since the fire started.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Evacuees watch wait - § 1 reference coded [2.01% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.01% Coverage

"Just wanted to give these guys some fresh water," Haines said, gently patting one of his black alpacas.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fire blasts over hills Fort Collins-area fire rages out of control expanding in size as mountain residents flee - § 1 reference coded [1.53% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.53% Coverage

Smith said he has lived in his home on Spring Valley Road for 20 years and that while he has seen six or eight large fires while living there, this is the hottest and fastest-moving.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fire rushes crews fleeing residents - § 1 reference coded [8.93% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.93% Coverage

* Rosemary Filano, 60, was about to go to bed Saturday night when a neighbor called her a few minutes before midnight with the news that the fire was coming and she had to evacuate.

Filano looked out the kitchen window of her Poudre Park residence and saw a "wall of flames" and heard the fire's roar heading her way.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Flames jump river race toward homes - § 1 reference coded [2.27% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.27% Coverage

Gassing up at the The Forks convenience store in Livermore, evacuee Jerry Walton said it is unlikely his home will burn. "But I guess I don't want to be the fool who stays and gets it," he said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Grief with some relief death destruction - § 2 references coded [1.62% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.98% Coverage

"I've been looking at those trees all my life," said 67-year-old Elaine Hooper. "I guess I'm here for the end. I thought the forest would outlive me."

Reference 2 - 0.64% Coverage

Lou DeAngelis, 47, a sculptor, said he evacuated his dream home in Rist Canyon on Saturday night.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park Fire 55 percent containment - § 2 references coded [4.91% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.53% Coverage

BELLVUE For the second time in a week, Sharon and Fran Docherty on Wednesday returned to their fire-threatened home perched above Horsetooth Reservoir.

And, for the second time in a week, they kept their bags packed once they got there. "We're not going to move in yet," Sharon Docherty said. "We're not going to restock the fridge."

Reference 2 - 1.38% Coverage

"The strangest thing for me was to know I had to pack a bag to be at my house," Sharon said. "... It's a very different mode of living."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire grows to 81190 acres - § 1 reference coded [3.43% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.43% Coverage

"They did a great job, but we still have a lot of unburned fuel on the property," she said. "This is going to be a long summer, and we could lose our home. It could happen."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Highpark Fire Homesick about Homes - § 3 references coded [8.61% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.90% Coverage

It's a waiting game now," Poudre Park resident Tammy Milner said after an afternoon meeting of about 2,000 people who were broken into groups and advised whether they could return home.

Reference 2 - 1.72% Coverage

Rist Canyon resident Jerry Holsenback said he learned his home had been spared by the flames that consumed as many as 100 structures Saturday, the first day of the fire.

Reference 3 - 4.99% Coverage

He left for the evacuation center Saturday evening with his dog and said it's the longest he's ever been evacuated.

"It's a bit like waiting to see if you've got cancer," he said of waiting to hear the fate of his home.

He was also evacuated during the Crystal fire in 2011 and the Bobcat fire in 2000. He recalls ashes falling on his home during the Bobcat fire before a freak summer snowstorm hit. "If you don't have a sense of humor for these things," Babcoke said, "you're not going to make it."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_ Insurance claims begin to pour in - § 1 reference coded [5.75% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.75% Coverage

Members of the Smith family of Fort Collins returned Tuesday to their vacation cabin in the Cache la Poudre canyon -- a few miles west of the fire -- to continue mitigation efforts.

"We've raked up pine needles and pine cones and thrown them in the river," said Cindy Smith. "We've always done a really good job with mitigation in terms of keeping the trees trimmed and the grass cut. Now we're kind of at Mother Nature's mercy."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Residents dig in to protect temple - § 1 reference coded [8.19% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.19% Coverage

RED FEATHER LAKES Austin Hennigan hadn't planned to come back to the Buddhist community at the Shambhala Mountain Center

this season, but after months of "just floating" from place to place, he returned just in time to protect his home.

"It just happened I was here with the skills needed," said Hennigan, who was born into the group that's nestled into the Roosevelt National Forest. Several years ago, Hennigan became a volunteer firefighter in Crestone.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Some go home while others learn theirs is lost - § 1 reference coded [8.62% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.62% Coverage

Fred and Bobbi Hatfield were among the residents whose homes were still standing -- for now.

"It's still in jeopardy," said Bobbi, 56, noting the unexpected maneuvers the blaze has made in the past.

The Hatfields said one of their neighbors was not as lucky. "That's tough to watch," said Fred, 70, about one friend who learned her home had been destroyed. "She just burst into tears."

Among the people entering at the the Colorado 14 checkpoint -- where residents had to show identification with proof of address -- were Loren Gitchel, 56, and Connie Carlson, 53.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Wildfire evacuees take it day by day - § 1 reference coded [1.74% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.74% Coverage

A neighbor was knocking on our door at 2 a.m., Peggy Sanchez, 45, said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Wildfire sparking event cancellations Ride the Rockies tour could be affected too - § 2 references coded [10.64% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.14% Coverage

Lindsay Brust of Boulder and her "Sticky (mini) Buns" teammates were among the first groups to arrive at Hughes Stadium for their planned 6 a.m. start. They quickly understood why the race was canceled.

Reference 2 - 8.50% Coverage

Fort Collins cyclist Kris Linderholm, who retired after 28 years as a firefighter in 2007, did many of her Ride the Rockies training rides on the roads west of Fort Collins. She said she now can't stop thinking about all of the homes she routinely passed in Rist Canyon and on Buckhorn Mountain.

"We've been talking about how difficult it is to be doing something fun when such a disaster is happening. You kind of feel guilty being out here, want to be back there helping. It's really like we get off our bikes and turn on our phones to see what the latest is on it," Linderholm said.

"The firefighter in me thinks about all the things that could happen, how hard it is to control an unpredictable fire. It makes it very scary. Having been on those fires, you just start thinking about all the things that could happen."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_07_Muddy waters river walls shores left reeling in wake of massive blaze - § 1 reference coded [0.63% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.63% Coverage

People now enjoy "blackwater rafting," observed homeowner Mike Smith, whose deck juts over the Poudre

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Size blowing up 583 homes evacuated - § 1 reference coded [2.33% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.33% Coverage

Lori Ellis, a 21-year resident of Estes Park, lives on Eagle Cliff Road near Colorado 66. She, her husband, Sam, and her 13-year-old-son, Dante, sat around a table in a nearly empty lobby at the high school Saturday after being evacuated at 6 a.m.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Wind fuels worry Strong gusts could create explosive mix in Marys Lake area - § 1 reference coded [1.87% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.87% Coverage

"You expect it to be hot and smoky in the summer, but in December?" said Larry Airgood, manager of the Wynbrier Ltd., a wildlife gallery in Estes Park.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Eastern Oregon fires grow as residents cattle evacuate - § 2 references coded [6.29% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.74% Coverage

John Ross, manager of the Frenchglen Hotel, scanned the panorama on Thursday, enjoying pristine clear blue skies to the south above Steens Mountain and to the west. But the north was a different story.

Reference 2 - 3.55% Coverage

ohn Witzel, a fifth-generation rancher in the area, was out all night Wednesday with his son putting out hot spots with water from a 150-gallon spray tank. Then on Thursday, he banded together with other ranchers to corral about 1,000 cattle away from the smoke.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Summary Miller Homestead Fire - § 2 references coded [5.52% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.20% Coverage

John Ross stood watching a wildfire Friday morning on Jack Mountain Escarpment, a high-desert bluff that sits above the threatened hamlet of Frenchglen, when an aircraft blasted through the smoke.

Reference 2 - 2.32% Coverage

"I wasn't scared until it started getting behind the hotel," said Twyla Hoffman, an employee of the hotel, which operates from March 15 to Nov. 1.

Files\\Oregonian_2014_07_Rancher salvages fire-scattered herd - § 1 reference coded [2.49% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.49% Coverage

It's before dawn Tuesday, but mosquitoes are up and biting as Bill Wilber, his two brothers, George and Pat Wilber, and their nephew, Casey Wilber, load four horses into a long aluminum trailer.

Reference 1 - 4.02% Coverage

Bill Wilber is a fourth-generation rancher with 10,000 acres 45 miles east of Burns. He has lost seven cows and 13 calves so far. The veterinary bill for injured cattle could be enormous, he said. And besides the economic toll, losing cattle is an emotional affair. Ranchers feel close to their livestock, making losing them difficult.