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For Immediate Release – Crown Fire

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Basalt, Colo. - On April 24, 2024 at 2:10 p.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue was paged to a wildland fire near 403 East Fork Lane, Basalt. Upon arrival crews found a 1-acre wildland fire burning in grass, oak brush and timber at the base of Crown Mountain. Winds were gusting around 10 miles per hour and spread the fire up toward Crown Mountain.

Firefighters hiked up steep terrain to extinguish the fire and lay a wetline around the fire and were able to contain it to approximately 5 acres.

Due to the possibility of the spread, all available resources were requested from the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

“Firefighters quickly attacked the fire and were able to stop the fire from spreading,” said Incident Commander Chance Goldyn. “We are grateful for our mutual aid partners that came to help us and keep the fire from getting any larger.”

“Our local firefighters made a great stop, “ added Pitkin County Sheriff Michael Buglione.

The fire started near Elk Run Ranch Basalt Holdings LLC and ranch managers were able to evacuate all the horses safely. There was a permitted controlled burn in the area earlier in the day, but until an investigation is complete there is no determination of the cause.

The fire is being investigated Roaring Fork Fire Rescue’s fire investigators. No cause of the fire has been determined at this time. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

There were 38 responders were on scene from Roaring Fork Fire Rescue, Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, Aspen Fire Protection District, Glenwood Springs Fire Department, Upper Colorado River Fire Interagency Management Unit, Pitkin County Sheriffs Office and the Eagle County Sheriffs Office.

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