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Bear Ridge Road Structure Fire

Basalt, Colorado – August 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

On August 17, 2024, at 7:46 p.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) was dispatched to a report of a wildland fire at 919 Light Ranch Road in Carbondale. Initial dispatch information indicated “the reporting party sees flames on the ridge up high”. Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a wildland fire. Further updates advised the reported wildland fire was a structure fire at 2651 Bear Ridge Road in Basalt. Due to the remote location, RFFRA apparatus and personnel arrived within 35 minutes.

The first arriving engine reported a large two-story single-family home with heavy smoke and flames from two sides of the home. The fire had already self-ventilated through the roof. Crews began aggressive exterior operations while awaiting other apparatus and personnel and contained the fire to the house, preventing extension to the adjacent wildland-urban interface. Multiple apparatus and personnel from RFFRA responded with three engines, two tenders, two brush trucks, two command vehicles, and one ambulance. Mutual aid resources from Aspen Fire Protection District and Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District responded with three engines and one brush truck. There were 27 personnel at the incident.

Aspen Ambulance District, Aspen Fire Protection District, and Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District provided standby coverage from the El Jebel and Snowmass Village fire stations, responding to one incident in Basalt. Pitkin County Sheriff’s Department also responded and assisted. Bear Ridge Road was closed for firefighter safety and tender shuttle operations during the incident.

“We would like to thank our mutual aid partners for their support and robust response during this incident,” said Incident Commander Chance Goldyn. Crews remained on the incident overnight to monitor the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. No injuries were reported. The home sustained extensive damage and is uninhabitable. Most of the contents suffered smoke and water damage.

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