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Lazy O Road and Columbine Court Wildland Fires

Basalt, Colorado – April 14, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

On April 12, 2025, at 1:03 p.m., Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) was dispatched to a report of a wildland fire at Lazy O Ranch in Snowmass. Initial dispatch information indicated “a controlled burn was out of hand”. Further updates advised that the fire was spreading. Due to the location, RFFRA apparatus and personnel arrived within 14 minutes. Multiple apparatus and personnel from RFFRA responded with three brush trucks, two engines, two tenders, and a command vehicle. Mutual aid partners responded with an ambulance, brush truck, and command vehicle. Within one hour, crews had containment of the fire. They remained on scene for several hours for mop-up operations and to ensure the wildland fire was completely extinguished.

While crews were at the Lazy O Ranch, Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a wildland fire at 245 Columbine Court in Basalt. RFFRA was dispatched at 1:49 p.m. and responded from Lazy O Ranch, Station 41 in Basalt, and Station 45 in Snowmass Village. RFFRA apparatus and personnel arrived within 9 minutes. Upon arrival, crews reported the fire was spreading uphill, and wood fences behind structures were on fire. Multiple apparatus and personnel from RFFRA responded with two engines, an ambulance, and a command vehicle. Mutual aid partners responded with four command vehicles, three brush trucks, three engines, and an ambulance. Residents were temporarily evacuated from Columbine Court, Cemetery Road, Red Tail Lane, and Kestrel Court. Within thirty minutes, crews had containment of the fire. Mop-up operations continued until approximately 4:10 p.m.

During the Lazy O Ranch and Columbine Court concurrent incidents, Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority was dispatched at 2:19 p.m. to the El Jebel area for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incident. Mutual aid was provided and arrived within 9 minutes. One patient was treated and transported to the hospital.

Aspen Ambulance District, Aspen Fire Protection District, Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, and Glenwood Springs Fire Department responded to the wildland fires. Aspen Ambulance District responded to an EMS incident in El Jebel. Basalt Police Department, Eagle County Sheriff’s Office, and Pitkin County Sheriff’s Office also responded and assisted. Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center provided dispatchers for incident communications. We thank our public safety partners for their support and robust response during these incidents.

No open burning occurred at Lazy O Ranch on Saturday; however, controlled burning occurred on Friday. The cause of the Columbine Court wildland fire is under investigation by the RFFRA, but sparks from a grinder are suspected of starting the wildland fire. The use of power tools that create sparks and cigarette smoking cannot be ruled out at this time. Two wood fences were damaged during the wildland fire on Columbine Court. No injuries were reported during any of the incidents.



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RFFRA would like to remind everyone that a burn permit is required for open burning. A Red Flag Warning was issued by the National Weather Service on Saturday for gusty winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels. Open burning is prohibited when the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning.

When a wildland fire is observed, report it immediately by calling 911. Time is of the essence, and the sooner 911 is called, the sooner public safety agencies can be notified and respond with the appropriate apparatus and personnel.

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