



Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	10-10-10	Adults Injured:	0				
Time Call Received:	0439 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Vegetation Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	3900 Blk. Larimer County Rd. 38E	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	10-12703	Firefighter Injuries:	0				
Occupancy Name:	West Ridge Ranch subdivision	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	Wildland	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 st In Company:	N/AV	Assisting Agencies:	See below				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	0850 hours, contained; 1500 hours, controlled				
Dollar Loss:	\$0	Incident Duration:	10 hours				
Dollars Saved:	N/A	Total # Alarms:	1+				
Displaced/Evacuated:	~25	Total # Personnel	70				
Origin:	N/AV	Incident Commander:	J. Pietrangelo				
Cause:	N/AV	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 1730 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
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Fort Collins, CO – Poudre Fire Authority responded today to a reported small grass fire on a steep slope between Larimer County Road 38E and the top of a ridge, east of Horsetooth Reservoir. When firefighters arrived on scene they found an approximate 100 x 100 yard square fire with a slow to moderate rate of spread. With homes scattered throughout the area and the possibility that the fire could spread rapidly, an emergency notification was sent to homes in the threatened area. Evacuees were sent to PFA Fire Station 4 on the west side of Fort Collins. Approximately 25 people relocated to the evacuation site. The official fire size is 12 acres.

The weather and terrain proved to be a hindrance and a help. The wind was erratic at times; changing directions and gusting to 25-30 miles per hour. This same wind also helped push the fire back on itself at one point. Light rain fell a couple times throughout, which also helped. However, firefighters did have difficulty safely reaching the fire due to limited access and steep, rocky terrain.

Poudre Fire Authority investigators are currently investigating the origin and cause. No additional information is available at this time regarding the investigation.

Assisting agencies: Colorado State Patrol; Larimer County Sheriff's Office; Loveland Fire-Rescue; Red Cross and the United States Forest Service, Helena Hotshots.

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