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# News Release

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## **CABIN LAKE FIRE 98% CONTAINED; FOREST CLOSURES REDUCED**

**BUFORD, CO** – The Cabin Lake Fire has been burning for 45 days; today, it is 98% contained, and management of the fire will transition from a Type 3 to a local Type 4 organization. County Road 17/ the Buford-Newcastle Road is open, and Forest Service lands on the west side of the road have re-opened. East of County Road 17, the forest closure will remain in effect from the roadside to the South Fork drainage and to the base of Burro Mountain. The burned area within the fire perimeter will remain closed until containment is complete.

Large sections of the fire perimeter have been mopped up and cooled several hundred feet in from the fire containment line. Fuels remain available within the fire perimeter, and isolated smokes may continue to be visible. Infrared flights have been flown daily; they continue to detect hot spots in the interior. Crews will cool these areas of heat and continue mop up and rehabilitation of containment and contingency line.

Fire can create forest hazards. Fire-weakened trees may fall over many years, and roots of trees can burn underground, creating ash pits that may not be readily visible. Burned forests are especially hazardous in windy conditions. Please respect safety closures and exercise caution.

**For more information on the reduced Forest closure area please visit:**

**<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/whiteriver/alerts-notices> or call the Blanco Ranger Station at 970-878-4039.**