



# Wellington Fire Protection District

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## **Freedom Acres Fire**

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WELLINGTON, Co. – At approximately 3:20 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017, Wellington Fire Protection District (WFPD) was dispatched to a report of a grass fire located near 4545 Aldridge Rd., north of Wellington.

After arriving on scene, crews found a fast-moving grass fire with one structure fully involved, and began flanking the fire. Homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution. Mutual aid resources were requested from Poudre Fire Authority, Nunn Volunteer Fire Department, Larimer County Office Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. the Freedom Acres Fire was 80% contained and at approximately 80 acres in size. The Freedom Acres Fire was 100% contained around 5:30 p.m. Wellington Fire crews remained on scene for mop up and to monitor any hot spots. Residents were allowed back in the area shortly after containment. In all, 16 firefighters from four agencies worked to control and extinguish the fire protecting multiple homes.

One structure was lost. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries, and no animals injured or displaced during the fire. The approximate size of the fire is 80 acres. The cause is unknown and currently under investigation.

Wellington Fire District strongly encourages homeowners to clear brush, debris, and combustible storage minimum 50 ft. away from their home.

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