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***Badger Hole Fire***

***4/18/2018***

The Badger Hole Fire began early afternoon on April 17, 2018; located in eastern Baca County and western Kansas. As of 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2018, total estimated acreage burned was 48,415; 29,050 acres in Colorado and 19,360 acres in Kansas and is currently 35 percent contained. Multiple homes and outbuildings have been lost; livestock losses are unknown at this time. On April 17, 2018, 26 agencies actively engaged fighting the fire into the early morning hours. Currently, 19 agencies, involving 120 personnel including command staff are working to contain the fire. A new command team will arrive early this afternoon to relieve local command staff who have been working tirelessly since the beginning of the incident. There have been no fatalities, however, two responders have been treated for injuries, and one local resident sought private medical treatment for injuries sustained while trying to protect property.