

## **News Release**

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## Media Release Fort Carson fire 80% contained

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** –The Sam Houston fire, which started at approximately 1 p.m. Thursday behind Patriot Elementary School, is now 80 percent contained.

As of 8 a.m. today, there has been no further growth of the acreage, and it is holding at just over 106 acres. The installation will continue to have areas with smoke during the day and embers at night in the heavy timber areas. Throughout the day Fort Carson fire crews will be working on interior hot spots and clearing of any smoldering timber.

There is no longer any threat to any structures on the installation. All children have been accounted for and reunited with their parents.

Due to children with respiratory issues and the large amount of smoke, Patriot School Age Center and Cheyenne Mountain Child Development Center are closed today.

Patriot School Age Center patrons will receive care at Mesa School Age Center. Cheyenne Mountain Child Development Center mission essential patrons will receive care at Ivy Child Development Center. Patrons were notified through email and social media.

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