

# Monday Creek Fire Update

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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## **WYOMING INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2**

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**Information Staffing Hours:** 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**Special Note:** A public meeting for residents of the Esterbrook will take place this evening at 6 PM at the Esterbrook Fire Hall. Due to a lack of Internet service at the location, the meeting will not be available for viewing online.

**Current Situation:** Fire investigators have announced that lightning caused the Monday Creek Fire. The fire was first reported on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Today, with the help of additional crews and support from several helicopters, firefighters continue to directly attack the fire's edge in several locations.

Yesterday heavy equipment operators completed a dozer line just outside the eastern edge of the fire. Closer in along the fire's edge, hand crews mopped up hot spots to prevent any growth in the fire. Along the western edge near Horseshoe Creek, two hotshot crews worked to secure fireline, with each starting on opposite ends. They dug handline, cut out snags (hazard trees damaged by the fire) and mopped up hot spots along the way. They finished last night with about one mile to go between the crews. Today they will finish that stretch of fireline. Firefighters will have the support of 6 helicopters today to provide targeted water drops as needed.

**Weather Conditions:** Temperatures increase into the low 80's today with light winds early in the day. There is a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, which could cause some gusty, erratic winds.

**Evacuations, Closures, and Fire Restrictions:** Esterbrook Road is closed to the general public in the fire area.

A **Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR)** is in place over the fire area. TFR violations can disrupt aerial firefighting operations and may force fire managers to ground essential aircraft. **Wildfires are a no-fly zone** for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

### **Monday Creek Fire Statistics:**

Size: 653 acres

Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 224

Location: Approximately 5 miles SW of Esterbrook, WY

Reported: Saturday, July 9 at approximately 01:30 PM

Cause: Lightning

### **For More Information:**

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