



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER

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## Southwest Area Incident Management Team 5 assumes command of four northeast Wyoming/southeast Montana fires Daily Update August 25, 2024

**Fire Information Phone:** 307-201-3885 (8am-8pm)

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**Acres:** Flat Rock – 41,839; Remington – 184,127; Constitution – 12,080; House Draw – 174,448

Acreage changes may occur due to overnight operations and infrared mapping.

**Containment:** Flat Rock – 35% Remington – 0%; Constitution – 28%; House Draw – 88%

**Location:** Flat Rock – 11 miles NW of Gillette, WY; Remington – 20 NE of Leiter WY, multiple counties in SE Montana; Constitution – 15 miles north of Gillette, WY; House Draw – 40 miles southeast of Gillette, WY

**Start Date:** August 21, 2024

**Personnel:** 655

**Fuels:** Grass, brush and timber

**Resources:** 17 crews | 2 helicopters | 107 engines | 9 bulldozers | 2 water tenders

**Highlights:** On Sunday, August 25 at 6:00 a.m., Southwest Area Incident Management Team 5 assumed command of fires located in northeast Wyoming and southeast Montana, including the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution and House Draw fires.

**Fire Activity:** Ground resources, including heavy equipment crews and firefighters are responding to the four fires currently burning in the area. Resources on the ground will utilize direct and indirect attack tactics to respond to on-going fire threats. Brief updates are provided for each incident.

**Flat Rock** – Firefighters observed extreme behavior on Flat Rock fire on Saturday, August 24. The fire area encompasses challenging and inaccessible terrain and hot, dry and windy conditions are expected today as crews utilize direct and indirect tactics.

**Remington** – Extreme fire behavior was observed on the Remington fire on Saturday, including wind-driven runs, torching and spotting. Today, crews will secure containment lines and protect values at risk including infrastructure and structures.

**Constitution** – Today, heavy equipment crews will construct line on the north side of the Constitution fire (towards Horse Creek). Fire fighters will scout additional anchor point(s) on the east flank, moving north to protect values and communities at risk.

**House Draw** – The House Draw fire experienced minimal fire behavior on Saturday. Today, firefighters will mop-up, extinguish hot spots and secure the fire perimeter.

**Evacuations:** An evacuation notification is in place for Sheridan County, Wyoming. No active evacuation orders are in place for Johnson or Campbell Counties, Wyoming. A Level 2 evacuation notice is in effect in for Big Horn, Rosebud, and Powder River Counties in Montana.

**Weather:** Hot, breezy conditions will exist across the region.

**Fire Restrictions and Closures:** Several Fire Restrictions are in place across the fire area including:

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Custer Gallatin National Forest Ashland Ranger District. More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notices/?aid=89447>.
- State 1 Fire Restrictions for Bureau of Land Management Buffalo Field Office in Johnson County (as of July 1, 2024) and Campbell County and Sheridan Counties (as of July 9, 2024). More information available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/wyoming/fire>.

### More Information:

InciWeb (House Draw Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhpdp-house-draw-fire>

InciWeb (Remington Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtgnf-remington-fire>

Public Information Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/housedrawfire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWIMT5/>