



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER



Crews work to identify Suppression Repair needs Community meeting tonight in Birney, MT Daily Update August 28, 2024

Fire Information Phone: 307-201-3885 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Media Information Phone: 307-543-7202 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Suppression Repair Phone: 307-303-7642 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.) This phone line is for private landowners to contact fire officials with repair of heavy equipment line or cut fence that occurred during suppression efforts.

Email: 2024.housedraw@firenet.gov

Acres: Flat Rock – 52,421; Remington – 196,459; Constitution – 24,594; House Draw – 174,683

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

Containment: Flat Rock – 54% Remington – 50%; Constitution – 57%; House Draw – 94%

Location: Flat Rock – 11 miles northwest of Gillette, WY; Remington – 14 northeast of Leiter WY, multiple counties in southeast Montana; Constitution – 11 miles northeast of Gillette, WY; House Draw – 9 miles southeast of Buffalo, WY

Start Date: August 21, 2024

Personnel: 670

Fuels: Grass, brush and timber

Resources: 10 crews | 5 helicopters | 44 engines | 9 bulldozers | 4 water tenders

Highlights: A community meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at the Birney Post Office (302 Commercial Street, Birney, MT). Crews are working to identify and conduct suppression repair across the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution, and House Draw Fires.

Fire Activity: Fire activity was minimal across several of the fires yesterday. Today, firefighters will focus on suppression repair needs.

Flat Rock – Yesterday, crews caught a new fire which was 8/10ths of an acre. Infrared technology was used to identify hotspots on the eastern side of the fire and secure the perimeter.

Remington – Yesterday, firefighters patrolled the boundary, scouting for heat. The only hotspots were within the interior of fire and did not pose a threat to containment. Today, crews will continue to mop up hotspots and assess suppression repair needs.

Constitution – Yesterday, firefighters gained additional containment along the fire perimeter. Crews will continue to secure the edge, extinguishing hotspots and engage in suppression repair.

House Draw – Today, crews are identifying and mapping suppression repair needs.

Evacuations: No evacuations are in effect on the Flat Rock, Constitution, Remington or House Draw fires.

Weather: In the fire area, a cold front with northwest winds will be moving in around late morning.

Fire Restrictions and Closures: 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-notice/?aid=89447>.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Bureau of Land Management Buffalo Field Office in Johnson County (as of July 1, 2024) and Campbell and Sheridan Counties (as of July 9, 2024). More information available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/wyoming/fire>.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Sheridan, Campbell and Johnson Counties in Wyoming. More information available at <https://wsfd.wyo.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions>.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Thunder Basin National Grasslands within the Douglas Ranger District in Converse, Campbell, Crook, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte, and Weston counties in the State of Wyoming. More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbr/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1199001>.

More Information:

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

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

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

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