



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER



## Repair efforts successfully underway thanks to collaboration among landowners, local cooperators and incident personnel Daily Update August 31, 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 – 196,368; Constitution – 24,594; House Draw – 174,683

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

**Containment:** Flat Rock – 78% Remington – 76%; Constitution – 95%; House Draw – 94%

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

**Start Date:** August 21, 2024

**Personnel:** 457

**Fuels:** Grass, brush and timber

**Resources:** 6 crews | 30 engines | Heavy Equipment | 4 water tenders

**Highlights:** Suppression repair efforts are underway across the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution and House Draw fires. Incident personnel and local cooperators are working diligently with landowners to identify and respond to repair needs across the fire area.

**Fire Activity:** Hot and dry conditions continue today, supporting smoldering and creeping fire activity in interior zones of the fires.

**Flat Rock** – Yesterday, crews focused repair efforts on the western and northern perimeters on the Flat Rock Fire. Today, heavy equipment operators are working north to south, repairing fireline as needed.

**Remington** – Firefighters on the Remington Fire observed minimal fire behavior yesterday as heavy machinery made great progress repairing interior firelines. Today, bulldozers and graders on the western portion of the fire will work south toward the town of Birney. Crews on the eastern portion will continue working south repairing fireline.

**Constitution** – On the Constitution Fire, interior pockets of unburned fuels continue to burn. Crews are assessing damages and repairing fence along the eastern perimeter and other areas as they are identified.

**House Draw** – Yesterday, minimal fire activity was observed on the House Draw Fire, primarily within cottonwood trees in drainage bottoms as heavy equipment conducted repair work north of I-90 on the western side of the fire and moved south along interior lines. Today, crews work to complete repairs south of the interstate as well as conduct suppression repair efforts on the north side of I-90.

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

**Weather:** Temperatures continue to heat up into the upper 80s with low relative humidity and winds 13-16mph.

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

- The Custer Gallatin National Forest (Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana) implemented road closures within the Remington Fire burned area located on National Forest System lands, effective August 30, 2024. More information available at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1202405.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1202405.pdf).
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Custer Gallatin National Forest, Ashland Ranger District (effective August 1, 2024). More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notices/?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 (as of July 9, 2024). 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 (as of August 7, 2024). More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbr/news->

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- The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest implemented a temporary closure of the popular Weston Recreation Area on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands within the Constitution Fire (Johnson County, WY), effective August 23, 2024. More information available at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1201513.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1201513.pdf).

**More Information:**

InciWeb (House Draw Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhpd-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/>