Pleasant Valley Fire Update

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On the evening of July 30, Platte and Goshen counties ordered the assistance of a Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) to provide additional support to local resources in ongoing efforts to control the Pleasant Valley Fire. The fire has burned approximately 25,000 acres of private, state and federal lands north of Guernsey, Wyo.

Led by Incident Commander Travis Pardue with the Wyoming State Forestry Division, the Wyoming Type 3 IMT consists of interagency personnel from local, state and federal departments. The incident is being managed under a full suppression strategy, using direct and indirect tactics to control the fire. With a focus on minimizing the fire's size and prioritizing firefighter safety, every effort is being made to control the situation.

"No single agency can manage fires like this without the engagement and support of our cooperating agencies," says Pardue, emphasizing the importance of interagency collaboration. "The fire proved challenging from day one with persistent winds, high temperatures and low humidity, requiring an all-hands response."

Approximately 170 personnel are working the fire. In coming days, the IMT plans to utilize all available resources and tactics to fight the fire as sufficient firelines are established and weather conditions allow the best opportunity for success. Extreme fire behavior is expected to persist with forecasted hot and dry conditions, with temperatures expected to exceed 100 degrees. The neighboring communities can expect to see additional smoke.

"We are grateful for our local and state partners who arrived first on scene and continue to fight this fire," says Pardue. "We also want to extend our gratitude to the local communities in Platte and Goshen counties for their continued support."

An Inciweb page has been created for the fire. For additional information, please see https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wywys-pleasant-valley-fire.