



Short Draw Fire



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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-short-draw-fire>

September 19, 2024

DNRC County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton

Location: 30 miles north of Gillette, Wyoming

Start Date: 9/11/2024;

Cause: Undetermined;

Size: 34,557 acres

Containment: 92%

103 Total Personnel 13 Engines; 2 Hand Crews; 2 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGES

Fire managers will verify and ensure the fire is 100% contained and controlled by end of day Friday, September 20, through ongoing mop-up activities. The fire is currently 92% contained, with secure fire lines established around most of the perimeter. Extra resources have been demobilized or redirected to other priority incidents.

CURRENT STATUS

On Wednesday night and throughout the day on Thursday, the fire area received 0.29 inches of rain. While the rainfall aided suppression efforts by extinguishing embers and reducing heat sources. The rainfall also created wet and muddy conditions that temporarily slowed the crews' making it challenging to access certain areas of the fire perimeter. As conditions dry out today, crews will continue to patrol, monitor, and mop up any residual heat within the fire's interior, extending them by an additional 200 feet into the fire's perimeter to further secure the area. Excavators, dozers, and road graders are in the process of repairing and rehabilitating contingency lines that were previously constructed. This restoration work is crucial to minimizing the long-term environmental impact and helping to return the landscape to its natural state.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Strong westerly winds in the morning from 20-40 mph will slow throughout the day. Temperatures are expected to be in the 70s. The next few days are expected to be calm with clear skies with little chance of rain. Friday afternoon will bring winds out of the north.

EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

Please avoid the fire area as crews and aerial resources continue fire suppression efforts. The roads remain closed to non-local traffic. Ensuring firefighter safety and protecting life and preservation of grazing lands are most important.

The temporary flight restriction (TFR) over the fire area has been lifted.

