



Short Draw Fire



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

September 20, 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: 94%

80 Total Personnel 3 Engines; 1 Hand Crews; 4 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGES

This is the final update for the Short Draw Fire.

Today is the last day that the Short Draw Fire will be managed by David Hamilton's DNRC County Assist Team. The fire will be 100% contained and controlled by end of day today, September 20th. Command will be transferred back to Powder River County and Campbell County at 6 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, to ensure continued monitoring and management of the fire. Resources have and will continue to demobilize through end of today's shift.

CURRENT STATUS

Yesterday, excavators, dozers, and road graders continued the repairing and rehabilitating contingency lines that were previously constructed. Meanwhile firefighters patrolled and monitored the fire to mitigate any residual heat near the control lines.

Today, crews will investigate and extinguish hot spots using data from the Infrared Awareness and Assessment (IAA) flight. Heavy equipment will continue repairing contingency lines ensuring the stabilization of the soil and reducing erosion risks. This process aims to restore the landscape to its natural state by minimizing environmental impacts and promoting the regrowth of native vegetation.

The temporary flight restriction (TRF) over the fire area was lifted yesterday.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A cold front will push south through the fire area Friday afternoon. Temperatures will be in the high 70s with winds from 10-15 mph throughout the day. Friday night will be winds gusting up to 18 mph and temperatures around 45 degrees.

