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La Bonte Fire Update

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Fire Facts

Location: Approx. 6 miles west of Esterbrook, WY, and 20 miles south of Douglas, WY.

Acreage: 3,484 acres

Containment: 72%

Start date: Sept. 12

Cause: Undetermined

Assigned Resources:

50 personnel, including:

2 Fire Modules

1 Type 2 Handcrew

1 Engine

Management

BLM Type 3 Incident Commander

DOUGLAS, Wyo. – Yesterday, Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team 6 transferred command of the La Bonte Fire to a local, BLM High Plains District Type 3 Incident Commander. As containment increases and mop-up activities continue over the next few days, fire managers will gradually downsize the number of personnel assigned to the fire before transferring command to county resources.

The fire remains at 3,484 acres, with containment now at 72%.

Yesterday, crews continued to mop up and hold areas on the south, east and north sides of the fire, with a focus on improving direct fireline in the rugged terrain on the fire's western flank. Crews also continued to make significant progress increasing containment.

Firefighters will continue to increase containment in addition to patrol and mop up. "Mopping up" describes the tedious, physical process of extinguishing or removing burning materials near control lines down to the mineral soil, felling fire damaged trees, and cooling ash pits to make a fireline less likely to escape or to reduce residual smoke.

This will be the final daily update that will be regularly posted. Further updates noting any change in fire activity or operations will primarily be posted to InciWeb on an as needed basis at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhpd-la-bonte-fire>.

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