

Wyoming Team 6
Type 3 Incident Management Team

La Bonte Fire Information

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## **Fire Facts**

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

Size: 3,482 acres

Containment: 40%

**Start Date**: Sept. 12, 2024

Cause: Undetermined

## **Assigned Resources:**

Approx. 200 Personnel

2 Fire Modules

6 Hand Crews

8 Engines

4 Helicopters

2 Dozers

1 Water Tender

### Management:

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Drones are hazards for pilots and ground crews. Remember: If You Fly, We Can't!

#### Donations are not needed

Our firefighters are well supplied with everything they need, so community donations are not necessary. Please consider donating to your local fire department.

# La Bonte Fire Update Wednesday, September 18

**Douglas, Wyo.** – Yesterday, fire managers and crews were able to gain significant containment on the La Bonte Fire. Fire acreage remains at 3,482 acres, with 40% containment.

The La Bonte Fire was first reported on Thursday, September 12, burning in steep, rugged terrain approximately 6 miles west of Esterbrook, WY, and 20 miles south of Douglas, WY, on Bureau of Land Management and private lands. Cause of the fire is undetermined.

Light, but wetting rains, cooler temperatures and cloudy conditions moderated fire behavior and growth yesterday on the La Bonte Fire. Cooler weather and strong winds of 60-70 mph are expected Wednesday and will likely continue into the afternoon. Tonight, winds are predicted to turn westerly with gusts of 25-30 mph.

Firefighting resources include 2 fire modules, 6 hand crews, 8 engines, 4 helicopters, 2 dozers and 1 water tender assigned to the fire, with approximately 200 personnel.

Fire crews will continue suppression efforts on the La Bonte Fire and hold and improve the progress made so far. Ground crews plan to mop up and patrol contained perimeter of the fire. The goal of mop up is to reduce the likelihood of the fire spreading into unburned areas. Crews will also continue construction of direct line on the western flank of the fire and air resources will be utilized to support firefighting efforts. Fire managers and crews use all available strategies and tools to suppress wildfires, and public and firefighter safety are the top priorities.

Visit the La Bonte Fire InciWeb page for more information at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhpd-labonte-fire.