



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER



Repair efforts are on-going; Red Flag Warning in effect for Flat Rock, Constitution and House Draw Fires Daily Update September 1, 2024

Fire Information Phone: 307-201-3885 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Media Information Phone: 307-543-7202 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Suppression Repair Phone: 307-303-7642 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.) This phone line is for private landowners to contact fire officials with repair of heavy equipment line or cut fence that occurred during suppression efforts.

Email: 2024.housedraw@firenet.gov

Acres: Flat Rock – 52,421; Remington – 196,368; Constitution – 24,594; House Draw – 174,547

Acreage changes may occur due to overnight operations and infrared mapping.

Containment: Flat Rock – 78% Remington – 81%; Constitution – 95%; House Draw – 94%

Location: Flat Rock – 11 miles northwest of Gillette, WY; Remington – 14 miles northeast of Leiter WY, multiple counties in southeast MT; Constitution – 11 miles northeast of Gillette, WY; House Draw – 9 miles southeast of Buffalo, WY

Start Date: August 21, 2024

Personnel: 433

Fuels: Grass, brush and timber

Resources: 6 crews | 30 engines | 4 water tenders | Heavy Equipment

Highlights: Suppression repair efforts continue across the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution and House Draw fires. As crews carry on with repair activities, the fire update release schedule will be modified to occur every-other-day through the duration of Southwest Area Incident Management Team 5 management of the incident.

Fire Activity: Hot and dry conditions continue today, supporting smoldering and creeping fire activity in interior zones of the fires.

Flat Rock – Crews on the Flat Rock Fire observed isolated heat sources within the north flank yesterday, Saturday, August 31. Today, heavy equipment and crews continue repairing fireline on the north end while crews on the south end of the fire assess fence lines and scout additional repair needs.

Remington – Warm, dry weather continued yesterday on the Remington Fire, supporting smoldering fire activity in sheltered timbered stands, primarily along the northern portion. Also on the north end of the fire, heavy equipment operators repaired fireline while crews on the eastern side conducted repair work near Lee and Boyce Roads. Today, heavy equipment will continue line repair as hand crews scout additional repair needs in the southwest portion of the fire area.

Constitution – Heat sources remained along the east flank of the Constitution Fire yesterday. Air resources also responded to an isolated flare-up that did not pose any threats to containment lines. Hotshots will patrol and mopup the area today as suppression repair crews build on the success of yesterday’s work along the eastern perimeter.

House Draw – Minimal heat sources remain on the House Draw Fire. Today, heavy equipment will repair line along the eastern perimeter and northwest side of the interstate.

Evacuations: No evacuations are in effect on the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution or House Draw fires.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect today, September 1, for the Flat Rock, Constitution and House Draw fires as temperatures climb into the mid-90s, winds increase and relative humidity drops into the teens.

Fire Restrictions and Closures: Fire Restrictions are in place across the fire area including:

- The Custer Gallatin National Forest (Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana) implemented road closures within the Remington Fire burned area located on National Forest System lands, effective August 30, 2024. More information available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1202405.pdf.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Custer Gallatin National Forest, Ashland Ranger District (effective August 1, 2024). More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notices/?aid=89447>.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Bureau of Land Management Buffalo Field Office in Johnson County (as of July 1, 2024) and Campbell and Sheridan Counties (as of July 9, 2024). More information available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/wyoming/fire>.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Sheridan, Campbell and Johnson Counties in Wyoming (as of July 9, 2024). More information available at <https://wsfd.wyo.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions>.

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Thunder Basin National Grasslands within the Douglas Ranger District in Converse, Campbell, Crook, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte, and Weston counties in the State of Wyoming (as of August 7, 2024). More information available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbr/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1199001>.
- The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest implemented a temporary closure of the popular Weston Recreation Area on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands within the Constitution Fire (Johnson County, WY), effective August 23, 2024. More information available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1201513.pdf.

More Information:

InciWeb (House Draw Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhp-d-house-draw-fire>

InciWeb (Remington Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtgnf-remington-fire>

Public Information Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/housedrawfire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWIMT5/>