



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER



## Firefighters respond to new start, "Silver Spoon" Daily Update September 2, 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:** 419

**Fuels:** Grass, brush and timber

**Resources:** 5 crews | 49 engines | 10 water tenders | Heavy Equipment

**Highlights:** The Silver Spoon Fire is a new start within the fire area, first identified yesterday, September 1, 2024. Southwest Area Incident Management Team (SWIMT) 5 will assume command at 6 p.m. today, September 2, 2024.

**Fire Activity:** Hotter and drier conditions continue today, supporting fire activity across the region. Smoke from the Silver Spoon Fire and interior pockets of fuels may be visible.

**Silver Spoon** – Ground and air resources engaged in initial attack yesterday with local resources and two hotshot crews from the Constitution Fire. Today, fire resources will continue in extended attack and SWIMT 5 will assume command of the fire at 6 p.m. Aircraft resources remain available to assist in fire suppression needs.

**Flat Rock** – Suppression repair crews continue to make progress, working north to south on the Flat Rock Fire. Today, heavy equipment will continue repairing fireline as crews scout additional repair needs.

**Remington** – Activity on the Remington Fire was limited to smoldering and creeping in the northern portion of the fire yesterday. Today, heavy equipment and hand crews will continue line repair across the fire area.

**Constitution** – Firefighters on the Constitution Fire mopped up remaining heat sources within pine stringers yesterday. Today, crews will patrol and secure line, scouting for heat sources on the eastern edge as heavy equipment operators repair line on the north and northwestern portions of the fire.

**House Draw** – Minimal heat sources remain on the House Draw Fire. Today, heavy equipment will work to complete repairs on the south side of I-90. Bulldozers and graders will also move north of the interstate, conducting repair needs where identified.

**Evacuations:** An evacuation order is in effect for Bitter Creek Road area in northern Campbell County due to the Silver Spoon Fire. Additional information available at

[www.campbellcountywy.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Evacuation-For-the-Bitter-Creek-Road-Are-98](http://www.campbellcountywy.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Evacuation-For-the-Bitter-Creek-Road-Are-98).

**Weather:** Temperatures continue to rise today with high in the upper-90s and relative humidity dropping into single digits.

**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](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](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1201513.pdf).

**More Information:**

InciWeb (House Draw Fire): <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyhpd-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/>