



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – Dave Gesser– INCIDENT COMMANDER



Hot, dry conditions continue as crews make steady progress on suppression repair

Daily Update September 3, 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. Please be aware that this phone line will be unstaffed starting Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Email: 2024.housedraw@firenet.gov

Acres: Flat Rock – 52,421; Remington – 196,368; Constitution – 24,630; House Draw – 174,547; Silver Spoon – 1,721
Acreage changes may occur due to overnight operations and infrared mapping.

Containment: Flat Rock – 78% Remington – 86%; Constitution – 95%; House Draw – 94%; Silver Spoon – 0%

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; Silver Spoon – 37 miles north of Gillette, WY

Start Date: August 21, 2024

Personnel: 547

Fuels: Grass, brush and timber

Resources: 10 crews | 57 engines | 14 water tenders | Heavy Equipment

Highlights: Thanks to the hard work of firefighters, crews and heavy equipment on the Flat Rock, Remington, Constitution, House Draw and Silver Spoon fires, approximately 212 miles of fireline has been repaired to date.

Fire Activity: The fire area will experience hot, dry conditions again today, increasing the potential for new starts. Additionally, smoke may be visible as unburned fuels within the interior of containment lines ignite, primarily in cottonwood stands, juniper drainages and pockets of pines.

Silver Spoon – Firefighters on the Silver Spoon Fire patrolled the area yesterday, September 2, to identify heat sources after conducting burn operations on Sunday night. Today, crews will scout critical holding points, secure the perimeter and begin mop-up.

Flat Rock – Heavy equipment repaired line from the north end of the Flat Rock Fire, south along the perimeter. Additional resources worked from the eastern perimeter, into the interior of the fire, also moving south. Today, crews will continue suppression repair activities including fence repair, where needed.

Remington – Crews worked to secure containment lines and mop-up hot spots on the Remington Fire yesterday while heavy equipment conducted suppression repair. Heavy equipment operators repaired fireline on the Wyoming side of the fire as well as along the southwestern perimeter. Bulldozers worked along the northwest portion of the fire, below Birney, MT, and hand crews secured line where needed. Today, heavy equipment and crews will build on the yesterday's efforts, building water bars on the east portion of the fire near Poker Jim and moving into their interior.

Constitution – Yesterday, graders worked north to south on the Constitution Fire. Today, hotshots and a hand crew will continue securing line on the eastern and northern edges of the fire area.

House Draw – Hand crews worked on the south end of the House Draw Fire yesterday while heavy equipment made progress along the I-90 corridor. Today, crews will continue suppression repair work as graders and other heavy equipment move to the north side of the interstate.

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.campbellcountwy.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Evacuation-For-the-Bitter-Creek-Road-Are-98.

Weather: Record breaking temperatures were recorded in Sheridan (101 degrees) and Gillette (99 degrees) yesterday. A Red Flag warning is in effect today. The fire area will also see scattered thunderstorms with limited precipitation and gusty outflow winds. Temperatures will remain in the low 90s.

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/>