



Robertson Draw Fire

Wildfire Fact Sheet

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 8:00AM



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Location: 10 miles south of Red Lodge, Montana

Incident Command: Type 2 Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 4, Brian Jenkins – Incident Commander

Size: 24,273 acres

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 162

Current Status: Yesterday, moderated weather conditions allowed fire crews to work on the northeastern, eastern, and southeastern sides of the fire. Crews and equipment worked to tie in dozer lines to burned areas that had cooled down in the rangeland grass areas. Air tanker water and retardant drops were conducted along the northwest side of Mt. Maurice to check fire spread. Aircraft were also used on the south side to check fire spread. The fire remained active along portions of the northern edge and in the timbered areas south of Mt. Maurice. Additional firefighting crews and equipment arrived and Operations personnel from the incoming team worked closely with the local firefighters to increase their situational awareness and start developing firefighting plans for the next several days. At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16 the Northern Rockies Team 4 assumed command of the fire.

A high-pressure weather system is now over the region which will bring warm and dry conditions. Temperatures will be in the 69 to 79 degrees and humidity levels 20-25%. Winds will be north at 8 to 14 mph becoming erratic in the afternoon due to ridgetop winds from the west to southwest.

Planned Actions: An infrared flight early this morning mapped the fire size at 24,273 acres. Fire crews will work along the northeastern, eastern, and southeastern sides of the fire to continue to tie in fire lines where needed, mop up pockets of heat and any areas of fire located around private structures. On the south side of the fire crews will continue to look for opportunities to build fire line. On the northwest side of the fire near Mt. Maurice the Division Supervisor and operations personnel will begin scouting the fire area and develop a strategy for suppression. A structure protection group has been organized and will be working on structure assessments and planning. Additional fire crews have been ordered and will be arriving. Aerial resources will continue to drop water or retardant as needed based on fire activity.

Evacuations: Evacuation Orders are in effect for the areas of North and South Grove Creek, Gold Creek, Ruby Creek, and Robertson Draw east to Highway 72. Evacuations as a part of the Forest Closure Order include the USDA Forest Service Recreation Residences in Corral Creek, Spring Creek, Snow Creek, and Sheep Creek. If residents in areas still under evacuation orders need to return to their homes briefly, they may contact the Sheriff's Office to make arrangement for a Deputy Sheriff escort.

All area residents are recommended to have a household evacuation plan ready. Please remain vigilant and be aware of the situation and your surroundings.

Closures: All the Custer Gallatin National Forest System lands south of Point of Rocks in the Rock Creek drainage are closed under a Forest Closure Order. This includes trailheads, campgrounds, dispersed camping areas, and the USDA Forest Service Recreation Residences in Corral Creek, Spring Creek, Snow Creek, and Sheep Creek. This is in addition to the Closure Area encompassing the Line Creek Plateau. The Beartooth Highway (US Hwy 212) remains open.

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): The current TFR in place for air space over the Robertson Draw Fire (FDC 1/3808) will lessen impacts to local aviation operators. Remember that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones. **If you fly, we can't!**

Cooperating Agencies: DNRC, BLM, Carbon County Sheriff's Office and DES, Red Lodge Fire District