



# Robertson Draw Fire

## Wildfire Fact Sheet

Friday, June 18, 2021 at 6:00PM



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**Public Information Phone:** (406) 290-3559

**Location:** 7 miles south of Red Lodge, Montana

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

**Size:** 24,470 acres

**Containment:** 0%

**Personnel:** 276

**Current Status:** Firefighters continued to make progress on several areas around the fire. On the eastern parts of the fire in the sage and grass, fire crews and equipment continued to mop up along the fire's edge. Mop up involves searching for areas or pockets of heat and cooling those areas with water or soil to secure the edge of the fire. On the south side firefighters continued working to tie an indirect line into an old fire scar and cold burned area. Aircraft water drops with helicopter buckets and the CL415 fixed wing water scoopers were utilized to keep the fire in check as line construction continued on the south side. On the northwest side some mop up work was able to be done in some areas while in other areas firefighters scouted for some indirect line locations that will provide opportunities for success in fire suppression. A Division Supervisor and 10-person Wildland Fire Module are spike camping on the west side of the fire and continued to scout for indirect or direct fire line opportunities. The Structure Protection Group continued their work on assessments and structure protection plans in the areas with homes and cabins located northwest of the fire area. The west central portion of the fire south of Mt. Maurice is very difficult to access or to safely go direct on the fire due to the rugged ridge with rock and timber on steep slopes.

Similar to yesterday a majority of fire activity yesterday was in the upper reaches of the Grove Creek and Line Creek drainages where it was actively burning in mid-slope timber with short upslope runs, group torching, and spotting.

**Planned Actions:** All of the day shift engines and crews will continue working in their assigned locations this afternoon and return to Base Camp later in the evening. The night shift engines will begin their shift again this evening and will continue to patrol and mop up as needed in the areas on the eastern side of the fire and around private properties.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation Warnings are still in effect for the areas of North and South Grove Creek, Gold Creek, Ruby Creek, and Robertson Draw east to Highway 72. All area residents are recommended to have a household evacuation plan ready. Please remain vigilant and be aware of the situation and your surroundings. The North and South Grove Creek Road, Gold Creek Road, Ruby Creek Road, Meeteetse Trail, and Robertson Draw Road that are in Evacuation Warning status remain closed to general public use.

**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. A Closure Order is also in effect on all Bureau of Land Management lands lying West of State Highway 72, South of State Highway 308, and East of US Highway 212 in Carbon County.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR):** The TFR in place for air space over the Robertson Draw Fire (FDC 1/6268) was slightly adjusted from the previous TFR and 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!**

**Primary and Cooperating Agencies:** USFS, DNRC, BLM, Carbon County Sheriff's Office, DES, and Road Department, Red Lodge Fire District, and Belfry Fire District