



Robertson Draw Fire

Wildfire Fact Sheet

Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 8:00AM



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Location: 7 miles south of Red Lodge, Montana

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

Size: 27,556 acres

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 276

Current Status: Yesterday, fire crews had another good day of making progress on several parts of the fire. On the east side in the sage brush 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 work tying an indirect line into an old fire scar. Aircraft water drops with helicopter buckets and two CL415 fixed wing water scoopers were utilized to keep the fire in check. On the northwest side firefighters continued to scout for indirect line locations. A Division Supervisor and 10-person Wildland Fire Module are spike camping on the west central side of the fire and scouted indirect line locations. The Structure Protection Group continued their work on assessments and developing a structure protection plan for structures northwest of the fire.

Most of the active fire yesterday continued to be 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 and group torching.

Planned Actions: Crews will continue to patrol and mop up along the east side of the fire and will grid areas as needed. Gridding involves working across the fire area in an organized manner to make sure that pockets of heat are discovered and cooled down, so they don't flare up with flames or embers later in dry, windy conditions. On the south side firefighters will finish their work on the indirect line and prepare the line for the fire as it moves in that direction. On the northwest side crews will move forward with plans for indirect hand line and some dozer line construction. Structure protection will keep moving through their assessments of private structures to the northwest and west of the fire and develop a plan to protect structures should there be a need to do so. A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 12 noon until 9 pm for the fire area so fire managers will continually be monitoring the fire activity in relation to the weather conditions.

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 1/6286) 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