



Robertson Draw Fire

Wildfire Fact Sheet

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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: 29,474 acres

Containment: 45%

Personnel: 328

Current Status: Yesterday's cooler weather and rainfall on the western side of the fire area helped to slow fire movement. A layer of clouds settled in at the higher elevations and overall conditions kept fire activity minimal. On the south side crews continued to improve the constructed fire line in anticipation for the best time to secure the edge as the fire moves towards the line. Firefighters continued to patrol, mop up, and cool off hot spots on the eastern side although minimal pockets of heat were found during the day. Along part of the northwest side some crews had to disengage due to grizzly bear activity while the other crews continued working on a contingency fire line working to connect it from the fire area west to East Side Road. A contingency fire line is a hand or equipment constructed line through the forest or range land located out ahead of the active fire in the general direction of fire movement. The structure protection group completed part of their assessment work for several groups of private structures located northwest of the fire.

Planned Actions: Along the eastern side of the fire crews will continue to patrol 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 later. On the south side firefighters will strengthen the indirect fire line and prepare to possibly burn out some of the area between the indirect line and the active fire if conditions are favorable. On the northwest side crews will continue to work on the contingency fire line between the fire area and the East Side Road. If fire activity and grizzly bear activity allows, crews will go direct along the fire's edge along part of the northwest side. Going direct is a term used to describe firefighting work to suppress fire and heat along the edge when fire activity is minimal, and it is safe to approach and work along the edge. The 10-person Wildland Fire Module will return to the remote west side of the fire to start constructing fire line south of Mt. Maurice. The structure protection group will move further south and start their assessment work on the summer home cabin areas located within the National Forest.

Evacuation Warnings: Effective at 6:00 pm on June 20, 2021 the Evacuation Warnings for the areas of North and South Grove Creek, Gold Creek, Ruby Creek, and Robertson Draw east to Highway 72 have been lifted. It is recommended that all area residents 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 in this area remain closed to general public use.

Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the areas located south of Red Lodge and east of US Highway 212.

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**) will lesson 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