



US Forest Service
Custer Gallatin National Forest



The Montana Department of
Natural Resources
& Conservation

ROBERTSON DRAW FIRE

June 16, 2021 Incident Commander Bob Culbreth

CURRENT STATUS

Cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity, less winds and additional resources all aided in making good progress on the Robertson Draw Fire on Wednesday. Approximately 200 personnel are assigned to the incident with more personnel incoming.

Brian Jenkins, Incident Commander of Northern Rockies Team 4 will assume command of the fire, tonight at 7:00 p.m. Night shift operations will be in place tonight to continue progress. Crews are working on structure protection, along with building dozer line and tying into cold burned black to secure portions of the fire's edge. Retardant lines were placed throughout the day along the northwestern edge of Mt. Maurice. Much of Wednesday smoke and growth occurred on the southern perimeter of the fire and on an interior bowl on the southern side of Mt. Maurice.

WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR

Above average temperatures are expected over the next several days with no precipitation. However the days are expected to be cooler than Monday and Tuesday when the Robertson Draw Fire saw significant growth.

EVACUATIONS

Area south of Hwy 308 from Red Lodge to Highway 72, west of Highway 72 to the Wyoming border, excluding the towns of Bearcreek and Belfry (Bearcreek and Belfry, MT under Evacuation warnings). Area east of Highway 212 from Meeteetse Trail Road to Westminster Spires Church Camp. USDA Forest Service Recreation Residences in Corral Creek, Spring Creek, Snow Creek, and Sheep Creek and all campgrounds, dispersed camping and trailheads from the Lake Fork north to Red Lodge including the dispersed camping area just west of the Lake Fork Road.

CLOSURES

Area closure is in place for the area south of Highway 212, east to the area along the Beartooth Front and south to the Wyoming border. This does not include the campgrounds and homes along East Side Road. Line Creek Road is closed in Wyoming. **Roads closed to the public - local access only allowed: Meeteetse Trail Road, Grove Creek Road, Robertson Draw Road, Line Creek Road in Wyoming. Highway 308 is open to the public at this time.**



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8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7537/>



Custer Gallatin National Forest
Red Lodge Fire and Rescue
Carbon County Sheriff's Office
Carbon Alerts

Fire Stats:

Location: 10 mi south of Red Lodge, MT

Start Date: June 13, 2021

Size: 21,000 approximate

Percent Contained: 0%

Cause: Human Caused, further under investigation

Total Personnel: 200

Crews: 5 handcrews

Engines: 10

Helicopters: 4

Tankers: 2

Heavy Equipment: 7

Robertson Draw Fire started on Sunday, June 13 and experienced extreme fire behavior and growth with recorded setting temperatures and sustained winds Monday and Tuesday.