



# Pioneer Fire

August 3, 2016

## **Pioneer Fire Suppression Plan for Rock Creek**

Halting the Pioneer Fire's progress down the Rock Creek drainage is the highest suppression priority. This plan will entail burning both sides of Rock Creek, using a combination of dozer and handline constructed on Burns Ridge and on the east side of the Road Fork Creek drainage. Initial operations on the west side may begin as early as today Wednesday, August 3, 2016, weather permitting, and will last two to five days.

Favorable weather conditions require a combination of northwest wind coupled with low relative humidity to ensure combustion of fuels

The initial burnout operation along Burns Ridge will begin four miles southwest of Lowman and is expected to be conducted in a south to north direction for approximately two miles.

Upon completion of this first phase, a synchronized operation will begin on the east and west side of Rock Creek, burning from the constructed dozer line and also burning from south to north.

Both sides will then continue at the same rate as long as weather permits or until both reach the Rock Creek prescribed burn at the bottom of Rock Creek. This burn was completed April 2016.

This plan allows firefighters to control how fast the fire moves towards Lowman instead of reacting to its growth.

Flames will be visible, especially at night, and a large amount of smoke will be present in the Lowman area.