

FACT SHEET



Wall Fire Tuesday, June 21, 2016 9:00 PM

This is the last update for the Wall Fire

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What: Wildland Fire

Location: 25 miles southwest of Ashland, MT

Started: Saturday, June 18, 2016

Current Size: 1,475 acres

Containment: 100%

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 121

Ownership: Private and Bureau of Land Management land



Current Situation: Today, fire resources were able to secure containment lines, mop-up hotspots further into the interior and rehab dozer lines. This afternoon, the Red Flag weather arrived in SE Montana, causing extreme hot and dry conditions that produced high gusty winds and dry lightning in various locations. Containment lines on the Wall Fire held in these extreme conditions. This weather created new wildfires within SE Montana. Resources from multiple agencies responded to the new fires. The Wall Fire also released some resources to assist with the additional new starts.

Summary: A lookout tower reported the fire on Saturday at 12:48pm. Firefighters from Rosebud County, Powder River County, BLM and US Forest Service (USFS) were immediately dispatched for initial attack. Steep terrain and thick Juniper trees accelerated fire growth on Saturday and Sunday. The vegetation is primarily Juniper with mixed Ponderosa, grass, and brush.

The Department of Natural Resource and Conservation County Assist Team (DNRC), Incident Commander, David Hamilton assumed command and management of the Wall fire Monday. The team, in partnership with federal and local agencies, is implementing a full suppression strategy to put the fire out as safely and quickly as possible.

Special Concerns: Taking extra steps to prevent a wildfire from starting is critical. Hot temperatures, dry vegetation and forecasted weather greatly increase the chance of ignition. Fire season has started and firefighting resources are in demand across the US, by preventing one fire we can further protect firefighters, residents and public and private lands.



- Have water, fire extinguisher and equipment on-hand when harvesting
- Check trailer tires and chains when towing
- Never leave a burn pile or campfire unattended

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