

GOOGLE EARTH 101

You can get a clear picture of the area in which the Wallow Fire is currently burning easily at home on your computer.

Google Earth, which you can download to your computer, enables users to see the area the fire is burning in from ground level up, in a 3-D perspective. Fire information such as location, movement, heat and size is layered onto very detailed maps for people to use. Landmarks and other notable features in the community are also displayed to allow for easy reference points in and around the fire.

Inciweb has an interactive map from Google Earth on the Wallow Information page (<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2262/>). This map is viewable without having to download Google Earth to your computer. Once you're on the information page you can scroll and follow the fire perimeter on the map and zoom in and out of various locations by using the arrows in the upper left corner of the map. You can also select a hybrid or terrain view.

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For a more detailed view of the fire with almost real-time information showing heat sources on the Wallow Fire you can visit the Active Fire Mapping website also available from the Wallow home page on Inciweb. To view this you will have to install and have the Google Earth program open before viewing.

To download Google Earth visit: www.google.com/earth

You must have the Google Earth program open on your computer before opening the layers below.

Once on the Wallow page in the Inciweb site, go to the right hand column to Related Incident Links and click on the Fire Data on Google Earth link (<http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/googleearth.php>). Once that link opens you will see a map of the country and a link for AFM KML Bundle; click on "current". This will open Google Earth with data collected from satellites and layered on top of the maps. This feature will allow you to see the fire from various ground level perspectives. You can see the fire from any perspective and it will help you understand distances and areas involved from a 3-D perspective.

To view the Wallow Fire perimeter map in Google Earth - visit <http://www.inciweb.org>. Under the "Incident Perimeters", then click on the file to "open" or "save."

The Wallow Fire perimeter is also available through GEOMac (<http://www.geomac.gov/index.shtml>). Click on "View Perimeters" then "View KML" and choose the perimeter to view or download the dynamic KMZ (<http://www.geomac.gov/asp-bin/GeomackML/GeoMAC.kmz>). This layer includes fire data nationwide.

Additional Related Wildland Fire KML/KMZ Links - <http://geta.firenet.gov/web-links>