



FACT SHEET

Wall Fire

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10:00 AM**

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What: Wildland Fire
Location: 25 miles southwest of Ashland, MT
Started: Saturday, June 18, 2016
Current Size: 1,535 acres
Containment: 40%
Cause: Lightning
Ownership: Private and Bureau of Land Management land
Jurisdiction: Rosebud County and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Current Situation: The Wall Fire is currently 40 % contained. Crews and heavy equipment are constructing line around perimeter of fire. Fire is actively burning internally, but not causing additional spread at this time. The safety of firefighters and the public is always the highest priority. Firefighters are also protecting private infrastructures in the area.

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. The fire started on private land and moved to BLM. 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 this fire today at 6:00 a.m. 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.

Current resources on the fire: 16 engines, 1 water tender, 3 dozers, 2 Hotshot crews (IHC), 1 Type II Initial Attack crew (T2IA), 6 Smokejumpers and 1 helicopter. These resources are from the following agencies: USFS Missoula Smokejumper Base; USFS Helena IHC; USFS Lolo IHC; USFS Idaho Panhandle T2IA; Rosebud County; Red Lodge Fire; Columbus Fire; Forsyth Fire; DNRC; and BLM.

Agencies Involved: Rosebud County, DNRC, and BLM

Special Concerns: Vegetation in the area is quickly getting drier due to hot, dry windy weather. Be careful when working and recreating outside to avoid starting a wildfire.