



Richard Spring and Lame Deer Fires

Daily Update

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The final daily update from the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 3 will be published on Saturday, August 21, 2021. New incident contact information will be provided at that time.

Personnel: 239

Structures Lost: 12 (secondary structures)

Weather and Fire Conditions: Wet, cold, humid, cloudy, and windy conditions are expected for the morning and afternoon periods as rain, locally heavy at times, impacts the area. With the chilly, wet, and windy conditions, wind chills as low as the upper 30's are possible from morning through at least early afternoon. Winds and precipitation will begin to diminish towards this evening, with partial clearing possible through the overnight. After a warm-up Saturday, another weather system brings the chance for showers and possibly a thunderstorm for later Saturday into early Sunday.

Richard Spring Fire (171,130 acres, 88% contained): Cooler temperatures and rain minimized fire behavior and decreased chances of fire spread in the lighter fuels. The Richard Spring fire is primarily in monitor status with crews patrolling firelines for previously undiscovered heat near the fire perimeter. Heavy equipment will repair containment lines and roads, however, wet conditions may determine where and how much repair work can be accomplished.

Lame Deer Fire (5,427 acres, 95% contained): Management of the fire was returned to the local Bureau of Indian Affairs office.

Special Messages: The speed limit on Highway 212 returns to normal today. Please continue to use caution while traveling between Lame Deer and Ashland as fire management personnel are still working in the area.

Primary and Cooperating Agencies: MT-DNRC, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, BIA Northern Cheyenne Agency, Rosebud County Sheriff's Office, Rosebud County Disaster & Emergency Services, Ashland Fire Department, BLM, Custer-Gallatin National Forest. Additionally, numerous volunteers, private landowners, volunteer fire departments and adjacent county agencies coordinated to provide initial attack of the fire, offer emergency assistance, and support firefighters.