

DAILY UPDATE: Longhorn Complex Fire

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Evacuations Lifted on Longhorn Complex

St. Francis, SD- Based on the success of the firefighting efforts and improving weather conditions, representatives from the Incident Management Team, Todd County Emergency Management, and the Rosebud Agency will rescind all evacuation orders for the Longhorn Complex at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th. The Red Cross will be closing the shelter for evacuees, located in St. Francis, at 5:00 p.m. tonight. To date, no residential structures have been lost.

As a result of the evacuations being lifted, both BIA 30 and BIA 5 into the Spring Creek community will be open to **residents only** as of 2:00 p.m. today. A staffed road block will remain in effect for non-residents on BIA 30 at the intersection with BIA 5, and on BIA 5 at the intersection with BIA 501. Residents, and those travelling in the fire area, are urged to use caution as emergency vehicles and firefighters will continue to be working in the area.

While the evacuations have been lifted, there are still hazards to be cautious of in the fire area. Smoke may continue to be visible, as unburned fuels and smoldering logs located inside the perimeter continue to burn. Also, trees that may have been weakened by the fire and could fall without warning. Please use caution near the fire area, and while traveling on roads adjacent to the fire.

The Longhorn Complex is currently 44,530 acres and 70% contained. The Longhorn Complex includes the Iron Shell Fire (39,780 acres), the South Crazy Horse Fire (3,100 acres), and the Longhorn Fire (1,650 acres). The Longhorn Fire is now 100% contained and has been turned back to the local agency to monitor and patrol as necessary.

Fire information is available by calling 605-747-2046 or 605-747-2707. The public is encouraged to call between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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