

**DAILY UPDATE: Longhorn Complex Fire**

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**Firefighters Continue Progress on the Longhorn Complex**

**St. Francis, SD-** Fire crews reported that although fire activity was limited overnight, there is still work to be done. Firefighting efforts will again be focused on the south east portion of the Longhorn Complex, specifically the South Crazy Horse Fire. Today, firefighters will work to strengthen fire line and continue mop up efforts around the perimeter. Crews will also continue to patrol the eastern portion of the Iron Shell Fire to ensure there is no heat remaining near the containment lines.

Today's weather calls for strong winds to develop as the day progresses. Winds will be out of the NW at approximately 15-25 mph. The afternoon high temperature will be around 90 degrees, and the relative humidity is expected to be about 20%.

Containment of the Longhorn Complex remains at 80 percent. The fire is currently 41,902 acres. The Longhorn Complex includes the Iron Shell Fire (36,880 acres), the South Crazy Horse Fire (3,372 acres), and the Longhorn Fire (1,650 acres).

Some of the firefighting resources on the Longhorn Complex will begin return to their home units or be reassigned to other fires in the area. There are currently 584 personnel, 11 hand crews, 59 engines, 10 water tenders, 2 dozers, and 5 helicopters assigned to the Longhorn Complex.

All evacuations for the Longhorn Complex have been lifted. Residents from the Spring Creek community were allowed to return to their homes yesterday. No structures have been destroyed during the Longhorn Complex.

Both BIA 30 and BIA 5 into the Spring Creek community are open to **residents only**. A staffed road block remains 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.

**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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