



**Jeff Davis  
County, TX**



**Rock House Fire Update**  
**Friday, April 29, 2011 – 10:00 am**  
**Fire Information: Phone (432) 426-3900, [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)**

**Fire Update:** Yesterday more favorable weather conditions allowed firefighters to make good progress on holding existing line and completing burnout operations on the northern edge of the fire, and in Brown Canyon by the McDonald Observatory. The area of fire that is northeast of Davis Mountain Resort (DMR) is very secure and DMR is not immediately threatened.

Today crews will mop up and secure the areas where burnout operations were completed yesterday and build handline to tie in with dozer lines on the northern edge of the fire. More crews and engines will be arriving today to secure and construct line and to provide added structure protection.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today. Winds gusting up to 40 mph will be from the SW. Fire officials remain concerned about higher winds, hotter temperatures and single digit relative humidity that pose a threat of increased fire behavior.

**Closures:** Balmorhea State Park, Davis Mountains State Park. Hwy 118 is closed at the Highway 166 intersection north of the McDonald Observatory. **McDonald Observatory is now OPEN to the public and can be accessed from Fort Davis.**

For concerns about: Ranch property, livestock recovery and feed: **Logan Boswell 432-249-0265**

| <b>Fire Status</b>                                   | <b>Resources</b>                     |
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| <b>Fire Name:</b> Rock House                         | <b>Crews:</b> 8                      |
| <b>Geographic Location:</b> Jeff Davis County        | <b>Engines:</b> 30                   |
| <b>Acres Burned:</b> 299,363 acres                   | <b>Helicopters:</b> 8                |
| <b>Start Date:</b> 4/9/2011                          | <b>Dozers:</b> 4                     |
| <b>Percent Contained:</b> 66 percent                 | <b>Overhead:</b> 120                 |
| <b>Expected Containment Date:</b> unknown            | <b>Total Personnel Assigned:</b> 309 |
| <b>Cause:</b> Electrical fire in abandoned structure | <b>Estimated Cost to Date:</b>       |
| <b>Injuries:</b> 2                                   | <b>\$4,600,964</b>                   |
| <b>Structures Threatened:</b> 16 residences          |                                      |
| <b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 41 residences           |                                      |

**Cooperating Agencies:** Jeff Davis County, Jeff Davis County Sheriff, Fort Davis FD, Fort Davis Emergency Services, Texas Highway Patrol, Davis Mountain State Park, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Nature Conservancy, Reeves County