



Rock House Fire Update
Saturday, April 30, 2011 – 10:00 am
Fire Information: Phone (432) 426-3900, www.inciweb.org

Fire Update: Yesterday, strong southwest winds and only 3 percent humidity caused the fire to spread to the north and northwest. The fire burned 300 acres beyond the containment line in Selman Canyon near the JN Ranch. Crews, engines and helicopters were quickly dispatched to that area to prevent further spread.

Engines were utilized overnight to patrol the fire perimeter and attack hot spots. A Type 1 Hotshot crew stayed overnight to build containment line.

Today crews will focus on building line to the north and northwest where the fire is most active. Helicopters are available to be utilized as needed. Crews and engines will mop up and monitor existing containment lines in other areas of the fire which are very secure and show little to no heat.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today. Winds gusting up to 35 mph will be from the SW. Increased fire behavior is a threat with the extremely dry conditions.

Balmorhea State Park is open. McDonald Observatory is open to the public and can be accessed from Fort Davis.

Closures: Davis Mountains State Park. Hwy 118 is closed at the Hwy 166 intersection north of the McDonald Observatory.

For concerns about ranch property, livestock recovery and feed, contact **Logan Boswell 432-249-0265**.

Fire Status	Resources
Fire Name: Rock House	Crews: 14
Geographic Location: Jeff Davis County	Engines: 56
Acres Burned: 310,995 acres	Helicopters: 8
Start Date: 4/9/2011	Dozers: 7
Percent Contained: 74 percent	Overhead: 148
Expected Containment Date: unknown	Total Personnel Assigned: 486
Cause: Electrical fire in abandoned structure	Estimated Cost to Date:
Injuries: 2	\$5,157,703
Structures Threatened: 16 residences, 12 commercial property, 27 outbuildings	
Structures Destroyed: 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