



# Crater Ridge Fire Fact Sheet

September 6-7, 2021

## Fire Facts

### Location

30 miles ENE of Lovell, Wyoming on the Bighorn National Forest

**Fire size today:** 6,232 acres

**Containment:** 74%

**Suppression strategy:** Full Suppression

**Fire start date:** July 17, 2021

**Cause:** Undetermined

### Resources

63 personnel, including:

1 Hand Crew

2 Engines

1 Excavator

1 Type 1 helicopter

1 Type 3 helicopter

### Temporary Flight Restriction

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect for the fire area as of this time. Drones are hazards for our pilots and ground crews.

**Remember:** If You Fly, We Can't!

For details on the TFR, see <https://tfr.faa.gov/>

### Management

Wyoming Type 3 IMT Team 2 until September 8, 2021 at 0600.

## Current Situation

- Firefighters spent most of the weekend engaged in suppression repair and backhauling equipment.
- On Sunday, the type 3 helicopter made multiple water drops on active smokes within the fire.

## Operational plan until transition

- Crews will continue suppression repair work and monitor fire activity.
- A Type 4 incident commander will begin shadowing the current team on Monday, September 6 and assume command on Wednesday, September 8.

## Fire Conditions and Weather

- Labor Day, September 6 – Highs will be in the low 70s with very low relative humidity. With the passage of a dry cold front, winds will gust to near 30 mph later in the day. A Red Flag Warning has been issued for the Bighorn Mountains and fire area from noon to 9 pm.
- Tuesday, September 7 – Sunny and cooler. Winds will be calmer with sustained speeds between 8 and 16 mph. Highs will be in the mid-60s.

## County Fire Restrictions

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect in Sheridan County, where the fire is located. For fire restriction information in counties throughout Wyoming, see <https://wsfd.wyo.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions>

## National Forest Closures and Fire Restrictions

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Bighorn National Forest. For current fire restrictions see: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bighorn/alerts-notices>.
- The Bighorn National Forest's fire area closure has been modified to improve public access and maintain firefighter and public safety. View the order and map at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bighorn/alerts-notices>

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