



Crater Ridge Fire Fact Sheet

Final – September 8, 2021

Fire Facts

Location

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

Fire size today: 6,502 acres

Containment: 75%

Suppression strategy: Full Suppression

Fire start date: July 17, 2021

Cause: Undetermined

Resources

61 personnel, including:

1 Hand Crew

2 Engines

1 Ambulance

1 Type 1 helicopter

1 Type 3 helicopter

Temporary Flight Restriction

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect for the fire area. 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

Recent warm, dry, and windy days have contributed to more active fire behavior since Labor Day. Growth has remained slight as most areas are surrounded by already burnt timber and air resources were able to check further spread. Ongoing pockets of activity may continue to be visible on warm and dry days in the near future.

Despite the return of visible smoke, crews led by Wyoming Team 3 safely extended containment in the first part of the week and throughout their assignment. They were also able to repair areas impacted by earlier suppression efforts.

“Crews were able to hold on, monitor, and put air resources on a fire that became more active in the last few days,” said Incident Commander trainee Joshua McGee.

This success, including rapid response to new activity, was made possible through the support of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. Their communication team helps provide reliable radio coverage to incident management teams within the state of Wyoming.

A Type 4 Incident Commander assumed command on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6 am. Bighorn National Forest staff will now handle information requests about the fire and further updates will only be published if needed.

County Fire Restrictions

- For fire restriction information in counties throughout Wyoming, see: <https://wsfd.wyo.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions>

National Forest Closures and Fire Restrictions

- For current fire restrictions see: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bighorn/alerts-notice>.
- 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-notice>

Fire information public hotline: 307-683-7019 Hours M-F 9 am-5 pm

Email: SM.FS.bighorninfo@usda.gov

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