



# Arapaho Fire

## Fire Information Update

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### Wednesday, July 4, 2012 – 9:00 p.m. MST Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Arapaho	93,505	32%	786

**Arapaho Fire:** Today, firefighters continued burnout operations and made good progress on the N and S flanks of the fire. Firefighters successfully initiated some firing around structures on the N flank west of Friend Park. On the W flank of the fire, progress was made with dozer line and indirect line construction. The structure protection group will continue to protect homes and other property.

Tonight, three hand crews, seven engines, and county resources will concentrate on finishing fire line construction on the SE flank, prepping the NE corner for burnout to protect structures and constructing dozer line near the Hensel Fire area on the N flank.

#### Open Roads:

- Fletcher Park Road to the intersection with Fish Creek Road.

#### Closed Roads:

- Fletcher Park Road from the Fish Creek Road intersection to Cottonwood Park Road.
- Fish Creek Road from Harris Park to the Fletcher Park Road intersection.

**Lifted Evacuations:** The Oregon Trail & Laramie Peak Ranch subdivisions.

**Evacuations:** Evacuations remain in place for Cottonwood Park, Friend Park and Harris Park.

**Closures:** All Forest Service lands, recreation sites, roads and trails east of Esterbrook Road. Trails include Laramie Peak Trail (#602); North Laramie River Trail (#625); Friend Park Trail (#609); Harris Park Trail (#616); Roaring Fork Trail (#623); and Laramie Peak Trailhead, North Laramie Trailhead; recreation sites closed include Esterbrook Campground and Friend Park Campground.

#### FIRE FACTS:

**Arapaho Fire: Started:** June 27, 2012 **Cause:** Under investigation **Location:** 28 miles NW of Wheatland, WY. **Resources:** A total of 786 personnel assigned to the fire, including 4 hotshot crews, 17 hand crews, 5 assigned helicopters, 66 engines, 2 dozers and 8 water tenders.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Fatigue, poor visibility

**RESOURCE CONCERNS:** Invasive species such as dalmation toadflax, cheatgrass and zebra mussel transported on equipment from other locations.

**WEATHER:**

Outlook for tonight is partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Temps around 60 degrees with moderate RH recovery 50 to 65%. Ridgeline winds SE to SW 10 to 15 mph, with drainage winds after sunset 5 to 10 mph.

Outlook for Thursday is cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms by the afternoon. Temps 78 to 82 degrees with minimum RH 30 to 40%. Ridgeline winds S 10 to 15 mph and valley winds SW to SE 10 to 15 mph. Chance of wetting rain is 30% by late afternoon.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Platte County, Albany County and Converse County; the Rawlins Field Office of the High Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management.

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