



## News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &  
Thunder Basin National Grassland  
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**Fire Information:** (307) 223-2291

**Media Information:** (307) 223-2220

### Additional Progress Made by Snake Fire Crews

**(SARATOGA, Wyo.) Sept. 14, 2016** – Firefighters with the Snake Fire made additional progress Wednesday on the south flank of the fire. Overall fire activity was minimal and the weather was once again cool, cloudy, and with scattered thunderstorms over the area.

A reduction in acreage to 2,452 was announced due to better mapping, and 10% of the fire perimeter was declared as contained.

One more day of cool weather is forecast before temperatures are expected to climb for the weekend.

164 personnel are now working the fire in southern Carbon Co., Wyo., on the Medicine Bow National Forest. Three helicopters were released to other incidents, leaving two on the Snake Fire, and three additional hand crews arrived, bringing the total to six.

The Incident Command Post for the Snake Fire was relocated on Wednesday to a location off of Forest Road 807. Due to the increased fire traffic on that road from the camp location, the area closure has been adjusted to include a little over two miles of the 807 Road, beginning at Highway 70 and heading south.

Beginning Thursday, the NIMO Information Team, which is currently distributing information on the Beaver Creek and Broadway Fires, will incorporate information needs for the Snake Fire into their duties. On-the-ground management operations for the Snake Fire will stay with the current Type III organization and the NIMO team will function in an operational support role.

Bow season for big-game is underway in Wyoming and hunters should be aware of the Snake Fire area closure. The closure order and a map of public lands in the Sierra Madre Range that are temporarily closed can be found on Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5023/>. For all other hunting questions pertaining to the affected areas contact Wyoming Game & Fish employees Tony Mong 307-383-2041 or Kim Olson 307-383-2160.

The cause of the Snake Fire is under investigation by USFS Law Enforcement. Anyone with potentially useful information from this past weekend in the area just east of Forest Road 851.1F should contact USFS Officer Hannah Nadeau, 307-343-2335.

The origin of the Snake Fire is five miles southeast of Battle Creek Dispersed Campground and two miles north of the Wyoming/Colorado state line. It is burning in mixed conifer and aspen, with some dead component.

Official information on the fire is being disseminated via Inciweb, <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5023/>.

Information will also be posted on Twitter at: [@FS\\_MBRTB](https://twitter.com/FS_MBRTB), hashtag [#SnakeFire](https://twitter.com/FS_MBRTB).

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