



Mullen Fire Daily Update

Thursday, October 1, 2020: 9:00 am

Fire Facts

Location

38 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming

Fire size today: 117,420 Per IR as of 10/1 12:06 am

Fire start date: September 17, 2020

Cause: Under investigation

Call Laramie Ranger District anonymous tip line 307-745-2392 with information that may aid in the fire investigation.

Containment: 0%

Resources: 942 firefighters total

Mandatory Evacuations:

Multiple evacuations and pre-evacuations are in place. See the Albany County Sheriff Office (WY) and Jackson County Sheriff's Office (CO) Facebook pages for the most current list.

<https://www.facebook.com/Albany-County-Sheriffs-Office-618424944997540>

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySheriffOffice>

Forest and County Restrictions

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in Effect for the Fire Area

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd786902.pdf

Albany County:

<https://www.co.albany.wy.us/247/Fire-Restrictions>

Temporary Flight Restriction A

Temporary Flight Restriction is in effect for the fire area: <https://tinyurl.com/y3foyxwt>

Management

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Virtual Community Q&A TODAY at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be livestreamed on the Mullen Fire Information page (<https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire>)

Summary

Despite aggressive actions by fire crews, the fire quickly moved across the Colorado state line into Jackson County late yesterday afternoon. Energized by dry fuels and winds, it ran several miles in just under an hour and a half. Crews were moved from other parts of the fire to assist with suppression efforts in response to the rapidly changing conditions.

During the evening, firefighters initiated burnout operations along WY230 between the Badger Creek Fire scar and the Colorado border. This is a key location where the fire could further advance southeast through Wyoming and into Larimer County, Colorado. Under favorable conditions, burning will continue today south to the junction of CO125.

Further to the north, crews burned west of Albany to hold the fire's edge at the 542 road. They will continue burning toward the Keystone Fire burn scar to remove fuel and establish a stronger perimeter. Ongoing structure protection includes laying hoses, setting up sprinklers and portable pumps, and removing brush near structures to secure at-risk communities.

Yesterday's extreme fire activity prompted additional evacuations and road closures in both Wyoming and Colorado. The public should be aware of all restrictions and adjust travel and recreation plans as needed. This fire has a history of moving at extreme rates of speed.

The Mullen Fire is occurring during an exceptional fire year when resources have been scarce. Though the total number of personnel has grown over the past two days, fire managers hope to increase the amount of both personnel and equipment in the coming days.

Fire Conditions and Weather

The Mullen Fire is exhibiting extreme fire behavior, moving through features that typically slow fire progression such as roads and timber sales. In addition, prolific spotting has been sending embers well in advance of the fire's front. The active behavior of the Mullen Fire is increasing smoke impacts to southern Wyoming and northern Colorado. An Air Resource Advisor is here to predict and measure smoke impacts and share that information with the public, the incident management team, and air quality regulators.

Road and Forest Closures

Road status can change quickly in response to fire conditions. For the most current information on Wyoming and Colorado road closures, please see <https://www.wyroad.info/pls/Browse/WRR.STATIC5?SelectedDistrict=1> and <https://cotrip.org/travelAlerts.htm#?roadId=> No estimate is available about reopening these roads.

A Forest area closure is in effect surrounding the Mullen Fire for public safety. See the new Forest Closure Order at <https://tinyurl.com/yyanh6ey> and the new Forest Closure Area Map at <https://tinyurl.com/y3wh7bv3>

Fire information: Hours 8am – 9pm Public Line: 307-745-2378 Media Line: 307-461-9456

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire/>

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