



Norton Point Fire - 7/26/11

Fire Location: 24 miles north of Dubois
north of the Double Cabin Campground and Guard Stations
moving north and NE farther into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
burning in conifer forest with dense logs from bug kill a decade ago

Public Meeting: 7 p.m. this evening at Dubois' Headwaters Center. US Forest Service, local government officials and fire management team managers will present initial maps and plans for the fire.

Trail Closures: Wiggins Fork, Frontier Creek, and Bug/Caldwell Creek

Actions

- A dozen firefighters based near the Double Cabin Guard Station continue their work from Monday, limiting fire spread to the south. They continue to take aggressive action to protect from the Guard Station and campground. On Monday the remnants of the root cellar from an old cabin nearby burned. The firefighters also are mapping and monitoring the fire as it spreads north and east farther into the Wilderness.
- The Norton Point Fire requires more full-time attention than the Wind River Ranger District can provide and still attend to local needs. The District brought in Rocky Mountain Interagency Incident Management Team A, with specialized expertise in long-duration fires.

Incident Commander Todd Richardson leads a dozen experienced managers from Wyoming and Colorado. While managing the fire day-to-day, the Team also will plan responses to likely fire growth for the rest of the summer. Working under the District's direction, the Team took responsibility for the fire at 6 a.m. today.



Lightning started the Norton Point fire on 7/24 in bug-killed timber

Vital Statistics

12 firefighters, with 60 expected by end of the day 3,500 acres

More Information: www.inciweb.org. To contact us or to receive Norton Point Fire updates via email send your address to nortonpointfire@gmail.com.