

News Release

NAZ Incident Management Team



For Immediate Release

Contact: Gary Roberts
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August 15, 2007

Hardscrabble Fire Update

Name: Hardscrabble /Fire

Start Date: August 9, 2007 2 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Acres: 3,017

Containment: 50 percent

Location: Hardscrabble Creek approximately 30 miles northwest of Dubois, Wyoming

Major Concerns: Extreme decadent fuel in beetle-kill conifer. If the fire intensifies and moves toward Hwy. 26, possible closure may be implemented at Togwotee Pass. Power lines along the road corridor may be impacted.

Natural and Cultural Values at Risk: Grizzly bear and wolf habitat

Observed Fire Behavior: Continued torching with short range spotting. Growth along perimeter of fire was limited.

Significant Events: The fire transitioned from a Type 3 fire organization yesterday to Reinarz' Incident Management Team at 10 p.m.

REMARKS: Resources committed are two Type 1 hand crews, three Type 2 hand crews, one Type 1 helicopter, one Type 3 helicopter, six engines, two dozers, one water tender
Total personnel: 137. Reinarz' Incident Management Team will determine strategy for the next operational period. Increased relative humidity, calmer winds, and cooler temperatures have combined to decrease fire growth.

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August 16, 2007 7 p.m.

Hardscrabble Fire Update

Name: Hardscrabble Fire

Start Date: August 9, 2007 2 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Acres: 3,017

Containment: 40 percent. Decreased percentage is due to more accurate mapping today.

Location: Hardscrabble Creek approximately 30 miles northwest of Dubois, Wyoming

Major Concerns: Extreme decadent fuel in beetle-kill conifer. If the fire intensifies and moves toward Hwy. 26, possible closure may be implemented at Togwotee Pass. Power lines along road corridor may be impacted.

Natural and Cultural Values at Risk: Grizzly bear and wolf habitat.

Observed Fire Behavior: Creeping, smoldering, and individual tree torching.

Remarks: Today the fire received light precipitation and cooler temperatures which help to aid firefighters in significant line construction. Mop up procedures on the fire have begun.

If you live in the wild land/urban interface, a place where combustible vegetation meets combustible homes and cabins, you need to create defensible space around your home. Remember – when leaves touch your eaves, you need to worry about wildfire's fury. Educate yourself at www.firewise.org and learn how to become an outdoor fire-safe hero.

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August 17, 2007 8 a.m.

Hardscrabble Fire Update

Name: Hardscrabble Fire

Start Date: August 9, 2007 2 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Acres: 3,074

Containment: 40 percent.

Location: Hardscrabble Creek approximately 30 miles northwest of Dubois, Wyoming

Major Concerns: Extreme decadent fuel in beetle-kill conifer. If the fire intensifies and moves toward Hwy. 26, possible closure may be implemented at Togwotee Pass. Power lines along road corridor may be impacted.

Natural and Cultural Values at Risk: Grizzly bear and wolf habitat.

Observed Fire Behavior: Creeping, smoldering, and individual tree torching.

Remarks: With cooler temperatures, higher humidity and a trace of rain, firefighters were able to make significant progress on line construction, with more line construction continuing today. Heavy and timely mop up procedures have begun.

There is a total of 5 hand crews, 2 helicopters, 5 engines, 1 dozer, 1 water tender and 48 miscellaneous overhead working the fire.

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August 18, 2007 8 a.m.

Hardscrabble Fire Update

Name: Hardscrabble Fire

Start Date: August 9, 2007 2 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Acres: 3,074

Containment: 70 percent.

Location: Hardscrabble Creek approximately 30 miles northwest of Dubois, Wyoming

Major Concerns: Heavy rains have hampered recovery of equipment and rehab efforts.

Natural and Cultural Values at Risk: Grizzly bear and wolf habitat.

Observed Fire Behavior: Creeping, smoldering, and individual tree torching.

Remarks: Heavy rains yesterday and last night have kept fire behavior to a minimum. Demobilization of resources has begun. This morning and this evening will be the last fire updates from the Northern Arizona Incident Management Team. Transition of the Hardscrabble Fire has begun and the Bridger-Teton National Forest will take back the fire tomorrow.

Currently there is 1 crew, 3 engines, and 49 miscellaneous overhead. The Northern Arizona Incident Management Team wishes to thank the local communities and the forests impacted, for their support while suppressing the Hardscrabble Fire.

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