

Red Rock Fire FACT SHEET

September 10, 2011

Fire Information: (307) 739-5527

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Info at a Glance:

Start Date: 8/20/2011

Acres: 8,736

Crews/Equipment: 1- Crew, 8- Engines, 1- Tender,
2- Helicopters

Cause: Lightning

Personnel: 103

Location: Gros Ventre Wilderness east of the Crystal Creek drainage and south of the Gros Ventre Road

Status: Drier conditions and winds contributed to an increase in fire behavior yesterday, particularly in the area between Goosewing and West Goosewing Creeks and in the Upper Slide area. Similar conditions are expected through the weekend. Point protection strategies are in place for values at risk that lie ahead of the fire. The Temporary Flight Restriction remains in place over the fire area. The fire is currently in mixed conifer with heavy fuel loads of dead and down bug-killed trees.

Travel within the Wilderness: Your Decision Point: Fire warning signs are posted at trailheads in the fire area. Although the area is not closed, it is your responsibility to know the hazards involved with Wilderness use and survival and to plan more than one travel route if needed to escape approaching fire. Near these fires you can expect to see torching trees, fire runs, fire spotting and smoke, as well as other hazardous conditions such as snags and stumpholes. Changing weather conditions can quickly change fire conditions. Please be alert!

Attention Hunters: Hunting season is here! But so are a hundred firefighters, and they're spread out through the woods in and around the Red Rock fire area, so be sure of your shot. Firefighters' yellow shirts may not stand out well against yellowing aspen and may be dulled by soot. Please be careful! Nights and early mornings are cool, but the days are warm and the Forest is dry and fire danger is high. Be sure to confine all campfires and insure that your fire is cold to the touch before you leave camp for the day.

Blasting: Blasting is planned along the Teepee and Goosewing trails on Monday and/or Tuesday. Please avoid these areas and use extreme caution if blasting is heard nearby.

Objectives for the Fire:

- Provide for safety of all personnel to the incident. Assure that the safety of fire fighter, aviation, support personnel and the public is the highest priority at all times for the duration of the incident.
- Allow fire to play its natural role in the ecosystem, improving habitat in the process of ecological change.
- Provide and maintain timely communications and information for the public.
- Protect values at risk from any fire damage.
- Keep the fire east of the Crystal Creek Road and south of the Gros Ventre River.

Today's Strategy: Fire managers will continue to scout for hazardous snags and monitor the progression of the fire, watching for any spotting that may occur ahead of the fire. Yesterday's burned area will be assessed. Firefighters will work along the east side of the fire to keep it from crossing the Gros Ventre road and continue to patrol the Crystal Creek road. Air resources will be utilized as needed.

Forecast: Today: Mostly sunny, temps 72-78, min Rh 16-22%, upslope winds 5-9 mph, ridgetop winds W at 10 mph switching to E afternoon.

Tonight: Clear, lows of 47-53, max Rh 47-53%, downslope winds 4-7 mph, ridgetop winds NE around 10 mph, switching to SW after midnight.

Closures: Soda Lake is closed for overnight camping but day use is permitted. All other campgrounds in the area remain open. A 25 MPH speed limit has been posted for the Gros Ventre Road. It has narrow bends with blind corners and steep drop offs in some areas. Please drive with caution, pull off the road when stopping, and think twice before passing other vehicles. Roads may be slick when wet.