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200-Acre Snake Fire Contributing to Hazy SE Wyoming Skies

(SARATOGA, Wyo.) Sept. 11, 2016 – There is a new wildfire in southeast Wyoming contributing to already smoky skies. The Snake Fire is burning in the southern Sierra Madre Range on the Medicine Bow National Forest, and is approximately 200 acres as of Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11.

The wildfire 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, but not as heavy beetle-killed timber as neighboring fires to the east in the same range; the Broadway and Beaver Creek Fires.

Current resources assigned to the Snake Fire include three helicopters, one Type II hand crew, and multiple engines. Additional resources have been ordered to help deal with the wildfire in southern Carbon County, Wyo.

The Snake Fire was reported on Saturday evening, Sept. 10, with initial response by U.S. Forest Service and Carbon County engines. Originally estimated at 30 acres, the fire has grown rapidly to the east, fanned by west winds near 30 mph and hot, dry conditions.

The weather forecast over the early part of this coming week calls for cooler temperatures and a chance of precipitation.

The cause of the Snake Fire is currently unknown.

Hunters and campers in the fire area have been evacuated. Pending an official closure order, recreationists are currently not being allowed to enter the area.

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**, hashtag **#SnakeFire**.

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