



Mullen Fire Daily Update

Sunday, October 4, 2020: 9:00 am

Fire Facts

Location

38 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming

Fire size today: 140,140 Per IR flight 10-4
12:05 a.m.

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: 11%

Resources: 1095 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 and Larimer County (CO) website for the current list.

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

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

<https://www.larimer.org/emergency/emergency-information>

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/fsprd786902.pdf

Albany County:

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

Temporary Flight Restriction A Mullen

Fire Temporary Flight Restriction – issued October 1:

https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_6107.html

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

As a result of the aggressive work by the crews on the ground and with assistance from aerial resources, containment on the Mullen Fire has increased to 11%. Growth is expected on the northern end of the fire today. Increased smoke and a column may be visible from Centennial and Saratoga. Previously, winds had not increased fire activity there. Today, as the wind shifts from the west the fire and topography will align with the wind presenting the opportunity for fire growth. Crews are scouting locations north of the Savage Run Wilderness to develop control lines in this area of the fire.

Aerial ignitions will take place along Hwy230 south of Woods Landing. This operation is significant in creating a wider buffer along the highway to protect values at risk and reduce the potential for long range spotting as the wind shifts from the west. The public should expect to see smoke as firing operations occur. The firing operation west of Albany along the 542 Road will continue today.

Fire in and around impacted communities remain active and firefighters are seeking hot spots to extinguish. Ongoing structure protection is in communities to the west and south of WY230 to the Colorado border. For public and firefighter safety, evacuations will remain in effect until conditions change or risks are reduced. Fire managers review the need for evacuations each day.

On the southern area of the fire along CO127, crews will be gridding for hot spots outside the containment line. No additional large-scale firing operations in the southern or western side of the fire are planned for today.

Yesterday, firing operations progress was slowed slightly due to higher humidity. Consequently, fuels were not as receptive to planned firing operations.

Fire Conditions and Weather

West winds Sunday could impact fire activity to the east, with gusts of 25 mph expected. Fire activity is expected where fuels and topography align. Sunday night will usher in the beginning of a thermal belt and associated drying period. Monday is anticipated to be a Red Flag day.

Road and Forest Closures

Road status can change quickly in response to fire conditions. Colorado Hwy127 and Wyoming Hwy230 on the west side of the fire is now open. 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 Orders for Medicine-Bow Route NF <https://tinyurl.com/y4gb8bqs> and Arapaho Roosevelt NF <https://tinyurl.com/y2e3qn3y> For BLM Emergency Area Closure for areas near the fire, see Closures on <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7208/>

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

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Mullen Fire Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7208>

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