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*~~Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in fighting all wildland fires.~~*

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### **River Breaks Fire Burning Near North Fork**

The River Breaks Fire is burning on the west side of Napoleon Ridge, 2 miles southwest of North Fork. The former prescribed fire had moderate activity along the top of Napoleon Ridge, with some torching occurring. On Wednesday good progress on handline construction was made moving east from the top of Napoleon Ridge towards private land adjacent Highway 93. Additional handline construction occurred west along the southern boundary of the fire. Estimated acreage burned to date is 232 acres.

Currently two hotshot crews, one Type II crew and a local hand crew, four engines and four helicopters are assigned to the fire. A Type II incident management team is expected to take over management of the fire early Friday morning. The objectives for the team will be to provide for firefighter and public safety, as well as, reducing the risk of wildfire spreading to private land, while continuing to meet the objectives of the prescribed burn operations which began on September 25.

“While we have declared the incident a wildland fire, it is important to keep in mind that, other than a couple of hours of unexpected high winds on Tuesday evening, conditions have been within the prescription of the Breaks project while firing operations were conducted,” said North Fork District Ranger Russ Bacon. No evacuations are expected. Highway 93 is open at this time.

Members of the public are cautioned that smoke may be visible for some time in the vicinity of the fire and are asked to use caution when driving through areas where burn crews are working or where smoke is drifting across roadways.