

DAILY UPDATE: Cow Camp Fire

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Cow Camp Fire at 6,487 Acres, Crews to Push for Additional Containment

Key Facts

- Fire size now at 6,487 acres and containment is 15%
- Incident personnel size is now at 333
- Nine hand crews, 20 engines, one Type I helicopter, two Type III helicopters, and four single-engine airtankers will work the fire on Friday
- Fire has burned National Forest, State of Wyoming and private lands
- Smoke from the fire remains highly visible, notably from I-25 and in Wheatland, WY
- The N and NE portions of the fire are most active
- The fire is currently within one and a half miles from Camp Grace with structure protection in place

Wheatland, WY –

With high winds in the forecast, crews at the Cow Camp Fire will make a strong push for additional containment on Friday morning.

The weather forecast in North Albany County, WY, calls for increasing winds from the southwest throughout the day and continuing into Saturday. Crews will be strengthening fire lines in anticipation.

Recreationists in the Laramie Range are reminded to respect road closures and to observe the fire from a safe distance behind the barriers. This includes traffic coming south from both the popular Esterbrook and Harris Park areas. Albany County Sheriffs Deputies are actively patrolling the entire area.

“Our deputies will be enforcing the area closure and will issue fines if necessary,” said Deputy Clyde Harris.

Due to the increase in personnel over the last two days and the windy forecast, safety of crews and firefighters is being given additional attention.

“Safety is always our number one priority,” said Incident Safety Officer Joe Snyder. “However, with all the factors involved in this particular fire, such as rugged terrain, numerous resources and unpredictable winds, we are stressing to our personnel that their safety needs to be at the forefront.”

Fire updates throughout the incident will be provided by the Public Information staff of the Incident Management Team.

The fire can be followed on InciWeb.org or on Twitter, @MBRNFsTBNG, hashtag #CowCampFire.

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Media Notes: Media in the area are requested to stop in at Incident Command Post (ICP), located at Fish Creek Road (County Road 114) or call Beth Hermanson at 605-381-7232.