

Squirrel Creek Fire

Update
July 7, 2012
8:00 p.m.

Location: Medicine Bow National Forest, Albany County, Wyoming

Date & Time of Fire Start: June 30, 2012 1:00 p.m. **Cause:** Human Caused

Size: 10,921 acres **Containment:** 95 percent

Estimated Containment Date: July 8, 2012

Management: California Interagency Incident Management Team 4, Rocky Opliger, Incident Commander

Cooperating Agencies: Albany County Rural Fire District #1, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Laramie Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, American Cross, Wyoming Highway Patrol

Fire Status: Rain fell over the fire area again today, and fire activity was minimal. Cooler, wetter conditions allowed firefighters to continue to construct and improve firelines, as well as extinguish hot spots up to 100 feet inside the fire's perimeter. This work will continue tomorrow. Fire activity is expected to remain minimal through the night and into tomorrow, as continued wet weather occurs throughout the area.

Due to wetter weather and reduced fire activity, all aircraft except one medium helicopter and the COBRA helicopter, were released at end of shift today. The COBRA helicopter will be used again tomorrow to fly and map the fire's perimeter and to identify any remaining hot spots inside and outside the fire perimeter.

Resources Committed Today:

Hand Crews: 15 Engines: 15 Dozers: 4 Water Tenders: 5 Helicopters: 9
Total Personnel: 534

Evacuation and Closure Update: As of 6:00 p.m. tonight, all evacuations and Forest area closures have been lifted. However, the Dry Park and Fox Creek Roads remain closed, except to residents.

Further information, including photos and maps, please go to <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2970/> or <http://wildlandfire.info> . Fire Information Officers may be reached by calling: (307) 721-4445 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

