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Sensebaugh Fire Burning in Natrona County

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) July 12, 2013 – A wildfire in the extreme northwest corner of the Medicine Bow National Forest was discovered on Thursday afternoon and is estimated to have burned over 200 acres as of Friday morning.

The Sensebaugh Fire is burning in mixed conifer and is slowly moving west-to-east from the southeast corner of Natrona County towards the Converse County line. Terrain is rugged in the area, which is approximately 25 miles southeast of Casper, Wyo., in the Deer Creek Range.

Weather forecasts in the area are favorable for minimal fire growth, as they are calling for lower temperatures, higher humidity and possible rain.

Thus far the fire has remained on National Forest lands, but BLM, state and private lands are in close proximity. No structures are immediately threatened and the fire is moving away from a power line along the northwest flank.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

With the help of a local Type III Incident Management Team, the U.S. Forest Service continues to manage this fire with a full suppression strategy.

Over 100 personnel are currently assigned to the fire, including Hot Shot crews and multiple engines. Air resources include two helicopters and two single-engine airtankers. The State of Wyoming, local agencies, BLM and the USFS have all committed resources to the fire. Air attack will continue as weather and smoke conditions allow.

The fire is being carried by heavy fuels and is not burning well in the moist grass and sagebrush. The heavy fuels are dry and have been reduced to this fire-prone stage due to the ongoing drought and both old/new accumulations of bug-killed timber.

Acreage numbers will be updated Friday as soon as possible.

Information updates will be provided by Public Affairs staff from the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, and can be found on Twitter at [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG), hashtag [#SensebaughFire](https://twitter.com/hashtag/SensebaughFire) or at InciWeb, <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3505/>.

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