

8.2.21 UPDATE: PF FIRE

Formerly referred to as the Poverty Flats Fire

Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)'s County Assist Team (CAT)

Summary: The DNRC's County Assist Team (CAT) assumed management of the PF Fire at 6:00 AM on Sunday, August 1. The fire is 67,0098 acres and is 60% contained. It is located east of the Bighorn River, about six miles northeast of Hardin, in Big Horn County and on the Crow Reservation. The PF Fire was first reported on Tuesday, July 27 at 1:30 PM. It burned in grass and sage brush, and current active areas are primarily in cottonwood trees along the river.

Current Situation:

Crews will work today to strengthen and improve fire line and mop up. They will continue to work along the river bottoms to ensure hot spots are put out and hazard trees are cut. Areas on the east side of the fire will be



COTTONWOODS BURNED ALONG THE RIVER CREDIT: AMY HYFIELD CAT

patrolled and rehabilitation in the area will begin to prevent erosion and weeds. Firefighters are stationed at the community building near Dunmore to support work near structures in that area. Utility crews are repairing burned power lines and there may be increased truck traffic on Dry Creek Road. Blowing ash that looks like smoke may be visible, especially in the afternoon. The fire has not grown appreciably since early Saturday morning; the increase in acreage is mainly due to better mapping.

Incident Objectives: 1) Base all actions reflecting a commitment to firefighter and public safety. 2) Treat everyone with respect. 3) Protect infrastructure, threatened structures, agricultural, archaeological, and cultural resources. 4) Ensure communications that foster positive interaction with local cooperators, private landowners, public citizens, tribal government, and agency administrators. 5) Manage fire with full suppression perimeter control and a mop up objective of three-chains from control lines. 5) Limit the spread of noxious and invasive weeds.



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SIZE: 67,098 acres

CONTAINMENT: 60%

CAUSE: Coal seam start

FIRE LOCATION: northeast of Hardin, MT

INJURIES: 0

STRUCTURES BURNED: 1 outbuilding

EVACUATIONS: none

ROAD CLOSURES: none

PROTECTION: State, County, BIA, Crow Tribe, BLM

OWNERSHIP: Private, Tribal

RESOURCES: 139 personnel

INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7731/>

COUNTY ASSIST TEAM

INCIDENT COMMANDER:

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