

Delaware's wildland fire crew battling large blaze in Wyoming

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Daryl Trotman of Ellendale is working with the Delaware wildland fire crew as they battle Wyoming's massive 88,000-acre Arapaho Fire (Photo by Glenn Gladders, Delaware Forest Service)



Delaware's fire crew attacks the Arapaho Fire in Wyoming. Photo from left: Jeffery Wilson of Clayton, Adam Keever of Port Penn, Todd Gsell of Townsend, Michael Krumrine of Magnolia, Brian Ward of Houston, and Erich Burkentine of Milton work the edge of the fireline on Wyoming's Arapaho Fire, a

roughly 88,000-acre blaze that is only 10 percent contained. (Photo by Glenn Gladders, Delaware Forest Service)



Delaware's crew is participating in burnout operations on Division Y of the Arapaho Fire in Wyoming. (Photo by Glenn Gladders, Delaware Forest Service)

Twenty wildland firefighters from Delaware who battled fires in Colorado for the past week are now assigned to the massive Arapaho Fire located 28 miles northwest of Wheatland, Wyoming.



Sam Topper (center) of the Delaware Forest Service is shown working at the Arapaho Fire in Wyoming. (Photo by Glenn Gladders, Delaware Forest Service).

The large blaze is considered "dangerous" by fire officials on the scene and is currently estimated at almost 88,000 acres in size with only 10 percent containment. Officials say the fire has the potential for rapid growth due to the hot and dry

weather conditions in the region. Delaware's crew is conducting burnout operations in Division Y of the massive blaze.



As a helicopter hovers overhead, Delaware's fire crew attacks the edge of the massive Arapaho Fire located 28 miles northwest of Wheatland, Wyoming. (Photo by Glenn Gladders, Delaware Forest Service)

Arapaho Fire Public Information Office – 307-298-0556

<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2959/>

The Arapaho Fire is currently 87,984 acres as of an infrared flight Monday night. Some structures have been destroyed but the area is still too dangerous to allow a detailed assessment. Structure protection groups remain in place 24 hours a day. Aviation resources continue to assist on the fire as the weather and winds allow. 

Hot and dry weather conditions will continue today(07/03/2012) creating the potential for large fire growth.

There will be a public meeting on July 3rd at 6:30pm at the Douglas Middle School in Douglas.

Incident Type – Wildfire

Cause – Under Investigation

Date of Origin – Wednesday June 27th, 2012 approx. 10:35 PM

Location – 28 miles NW of Wheatland, WY

Incident Commander – Mike Morcom

Total Personnel – 575

Size – 87,984 acres

Percent Contained – 10%

Fire Behavior – Fire exhibited high spread rates with group torching and medium range spotting

Significant Events – Evacuations remain in effect. An assessment of lost structures is beginning as fire conditions allow. Crews continue to be successful with burn out operations in areas where the fire has moved into lighter fuels on the eastern and southern perimeters. Crews continue with structure protection where needed. Numerous road closures remain in effect.

Outlook

Planned Actions – Continue structure protection and evacuations as necessary. Continue to construct indirect line and secondary lines due to extreme fire behavior. Hold and mop up established lines

Growth Potential – Extreme

Terrain Difficulty – Extreme

Remarks – Transfer of command to Mike Morcom's Type 1 PNW2 team took place on 7/1/2012 at 2000. Incident costs(Block 19) and Committed Resources(Block 43) have not been updated from yesterday. Structures lost(Block 24) is an estimate at this time.

Current Weather

Wind Conditions 11 mph NW

Temperature 79 degrees

Humidity 35%