

News Release

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BLM Fighting Wildfire

The Bureau of Land Management High Desert District Rock Springs Field Office, in coordination with Sweetwater County and Fire District 1, is fighting the Dry fire off Highway 430, South of Rock Springs, which has burned an estimated 50 acres.

The fire started on BLM land and has extended to private land.

The public is urged to use caution or avoid the area since fire behavior can change and fire spread is unpredictable as high winds develop.

The cause of the wildfire is unknown.

The fire is burning in sage and grass and is heading in an easterly direction.

Firefighting resources include: three engines, air attack, single engine air tankers, and a hand crew.

Please report all wildfires immediately to the Rawlins Dispatch Center at 1-800-295-9953 or to emergency 911.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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