



## News Release

BLM Wyoming Rawlins Field Office

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### **BLM Fighting Wildfire in Ferris Mountain**

The Bureau of Land Management High Desert District Rawlins Field Office, in coordination with Carbon County, is fighting a wildfire on Ferris Mountain located north of Rawlins, Wyoming, roughly 30 miles in the Ferris Mountain Range, in the Pete Creek Drainage. Smoke will be visible off of US Highway 220, which has burned an estimated .25 acres.

Fire fighters established a control line around the fire late Tuesday night. Fire fighters disengaged due to safety concerns. Due to rough terrain and fire fighter safety, the fire will be monitored from a safe distance.

The fire is burning in timber, timber littler/grass and brush. Fire is expected to move east and south if the control lines are breached. Winds in this area are terrain driven and typically fires will follow the wind, however terrain can heavily influence fire direction and behavior.

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

The cause of the wildfire is lightning.

For additional information please contact the BLM Fire Management Officer, Frank Keeler, at 307-352-0256.

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

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