

News Release

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BLM Fighting Wildfire in Uinta County

The Bureau of Land Management High Desert District, Kemmerer Field Office, in coordination with **Uinta County, Wyoming State Forestry, and Wasatch Cache Forest Service**, is fighting a wildfire near Meeks Cabin Reservoir, which has burned an estimated 1,500 acres.

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. Highways 271 and 410 are closed for fire traffic and smoky conditions. Evacuations at the Uinta County Youth Camp are currently in place. The cause of the wildfire is unknown and under investigation at this time. Fire investigators are on scene. If anyone has any information please contact the BLM Assistant Fire Management Officer, Kevin Cahill, at 307-352-0236.

The fire is burning in heavy timber, grass, and sagebrush and is heading East in direction.

Firefighting resources include: Air Attack, Heavy Air Tankers, Single Engine Air Tankers, Helicopters, multiple engines, Type 2 hand crews, Type 1 Hotshot crews and multiple overhead. Type 2 Incident Management Team requested.

For updated fire information, please visit Inciweb.gov

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

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