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Cheyenne/Laramie County EMA issues statement following Happy Jack Wildfire

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From: Laramie County Fire Warden Office
Cheyenne/Laramie County Emergency Management Staff
Laramie County Fire Authority-Primary Response Agency

Public officials are grateful for the cooperation and overwhelming support of the public during and after the Happy Jack Fire.

The grass fire occurred March 1, 2024 off Dusty road in the Happy Jack area and quickly spread to the Horse Creek area.

“On behalf of all responding and supporting agencies, we want to thank the public for their cooperation and overwhelming support during and after this fire,” Chief Jason Caughey, LCFA, said. “With the quick response of our first responders and the cooperation of the public, we are happy to report that there were no injuries to people, livestock or animals.”

During the response, several private residents and public organizations generously offered their assistance for the transportation and care of livestock affected by the fire. Local government and response agencies also want to express their gratitude to the state and federal agencies who continue to support in the documentation of the fire. The total cost associated with the fire response is still undetermined at this time. Local law enforcement and fire express their appreciation to everyone for their cooperation throughout the weekend while certain areas were still closed to non-residents for the security of those areas.

The fire affected more than 60 properties however only three residences suffered damage but were not a total loss. Other damage included, burnt pastures/fields, fence lines, power poles and out buildings. Total acreage for the fire area was 6,616 acres. Evacuation notices were issued for the Silver Sage, Quarter Circle, Happy Valley and Road 117 (Koster Rd.) Subdivisions. The fire was 100% contained on March 1, 2024 at 5:00pm. First responding agencies continued to monitor the area throughout the night and into Saturday, extinguishing small areas that continued to burn.

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Response operations were finished on the evening of Saturday March 2, 2024. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. If anyone has information in regards to the origin or cause of the fire, please contact Detective Young with the Laramie County Sheriff's Office at (307) 633-4737.

The list below includes the on-scene response and Emergency Operations Center support agencies:

On-Scene Responding Agencies

Laramie County Fire Authority	Laramie County Sheriff's Department
Laramie County Fire Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10	Wyoming Highway Patrol
Cheyenne Fire Rescue	Laramie County Fire Warden
FE Warren Fire	Laramie County Public Works
WY Air Guard Fire	Wyoming State Forestry Division
Vedauwoo Fire	United States Forest Service
Poudre Fire Authority	American Red Cross
Berthoud Fire	Black Hills Energy
Loveland Fire	Board of Public Utilities
Laramie County Combined Communications Center (911 Dispatch)	Dooley Oil
	North Christian Church

Emergency Operations Center Support

Cheyenne/Laramie County Emergency Management
Laramie County Commissioners
Laramie County Sheriff's Office
Laramie County Information & Technology
Board of Public Utilities
City of Cheyenne Public Information Officer
Wyoming Governor's Office
Wyoming Office of Homeland Security
Wyoming State Forestry Division
Wyoming Highway Patrol
Wyoming Department of Health
Federal Emergency Management Agency
US Department of Homeland Security-Critical Infrastructure & Security Administration
American Medical Response
National Weather Service
Black Hills Energy
American Red Cross