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(S.D.)-Firefighters Extinguish More Lightning-Caused Wildfires Over The Weekend



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(BLACK HILLS)-Recent lightning sparked more wildfires throughout the Black Hills Region this weekend. Since the morning of Independence Day, a dozen small lightning-caused wildfires have occurred on private, U.S. Forest Service, and State Park lands, all of which have been contained by responding federal, state and local resources.

- The largest fire, the Horse Trap Fire, burned 11 acres in very rugged terrain near Minnekahta and is now 100% contained.

Other recent lightning-caused fires and their sizes include:

- Flynn Creek Fire (1 acre about 4 miles south of Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State Park)
- Matilda Fire (two-tenths acre on private land west of Sundance, WY)
- Dow Ridge Fire (one-tenth acre east of Custer State Park on private land)
- Thompson Gulch Fire (one-tenth acre near Wyoming State Line east of Sundance)
- Black Haw Fire (one-tenth acre east of Sundance)

In the Southern Hills, four fires located west of Highway 89 included:

- Ninemile Fire (just over 1 acre west of Pleasant Valley Road)
- Red Star Fire (one-tenth acre near Red Star Road)
- 313 Fire (one-third acre near Carroll Creek Road)
- Richardson Fire (one-tenth acre also near Pleasant Valley Road)

In the Northern Hills, two fires that started Thursday morning burned one-tenth acre each near the Wyoming/South Dakota border. They included:

- Doghouse Fire (3 miles southwest of CrowPeak)
- Grand Canyon Fire (between Grand Canyon and WagonCanyon)

Additionally, two separate campfires were left burning and unattended on Forest Service land in the Central Hills, but were also immediately extinguished by responding federal, state and local resources. Visitors in the forest are reminded to please make sure your campfires are deadout and cold to the touch before leaving them unattended.

--Great Plains Fire Information