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Wildland Fire Burning in Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Visible in the Paradise Valley

Livingston, MT... A wildfire is burning in the South Fork Pine Creek of the Absaroka – Beartooth (AB) Wilderness. The Forest is evaluating whether or not to manage this fire for resource benefit and will continue monitoring and assessing its status daily, or as needed. The fire currently poses no risk to private land or property. It is visible from Paradise Valley.

The wildfire began on Monday, July 17, from dry lightening. The fire was reported Monday night and was approximately 4 acres. With warm temperatures and windy conditions experienced late Tuesday afternoon the fire grew to approximately 30 acres.

“Because this incident offers opportunities for fire to play its natural role in the Wilderness the Forest is considering managing it as a wildland use fire,” said Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger. “The Forest will actively monitor and manage this fire daily. If it is declared a resource benefit fire, we will not initiate suppression activities until pre-identified thresholds or trigger points are being pushed.”

The fire is burning in sub-alpine fir, and lodgepole and whitebark pine. With high temperatures and strong afternoon winds in the forecast, the fire is expected to continue increasing in size. Smoke may be visible from as far away as Big Timber and Bozeman.

For additional information please contact the Fire Information Center at 406-823-6063 or 406-587-6703.

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