

Press Release

FALL RIVER COUNTY, SD

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Wildfire along Cascade Road

A wildfire was reported to the Fall River County dispatch at 12:09 PM on Saturday, March, 1, 2025. Original report of grass and tree fire to dispatch was made by a private citizen. An additional six 911 calls from other landowners reporting the fire were made in the next seven minutes. Fire page was sent at 12:11 PM with Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department and South Dakota Wildland Fire responding.

This wildfire has been named Green Acres Fire. The wildfire is located along the east side of Cascade Road (SD Highway 71) south of Green Acres Subdivision. This is in the Hot Springs fire district. The fire began on Black Hills National Forest property, so the initial incident command was taken by South Dakota State Wildland Fire.

Between 12:22PM and 12:31PM mutual aid was requested from the VA, Cascade Volunteer Fire Department, and Minnekahta Fire Department. All departments responded.

The public is urged to avoid the area. SD Highway 71 S (Cascade Road) was closed from Meadowlark Lane to East Cascade Mountain Road from about 3:00 PM to 5:55 PM on March 1st for fire traffic.

Initial responders evacuated homeowners on the south side of Country View Road. This evacuation was later expanded to all owners between Country View Road and East Cascade Mountain Road. The evacuation order was lifted at 7:23 PM on March 1st.

Saturday evening fire command was handed over to US Forest Service Type 3 team.

Federal, State, and local crews continue to work to contain the fire.

The fire is currently reported as 340 acres with 75% containment. No structures were reported lost at this time.