

Press Release

FALL RIVER COUNTY, SD

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Wildfire North of Ardmore

A wildfire was reported to the Fall River County dispatch at 1:34PM on March 30, 2026. Original report of fire to dispatch was made by a civilian driving down the road.

This wildfire has been named the Rumford Fire. The wildfire was located about 1 mile north of Ardmore. This is in the Ardmore Fire District. Mutual aid was given by Hot Springs, Edgemont, Cascade, Oelrichs, Chadron, Harrison, Crawford, State Wildland Fire, and Nebraska National Grasslands fire departments.

The fire began along the railroad tracks and burned east. It jumped SD Highway 71 at about mile marker 2.5. A couple of retardant drops were carried out to stop forward progress. Mop-up was completed after midnight.

A total of 85 acres were burned. Most of this land was privately owned by Weinreis Brothers Land LLP and Hunter Ranch Trust.