

# "Good" fire chars 1,310 acres of sage, juniper

When a wildland fire is burning just beyond the edge of your back yard, it's more than difficult to think of it as good. But that's exactly what local fire officials have called the 1,310-acre Kuckup Fire that had some reservation residents hopping July 9.

The 7 p.m. fire, the cause of which has still yet to be determined, quickly spread in a south, southeast direction, from the Trailer Courts. The blaze burned mostly sage, juniper, bunchgrass and other rangeland vegetation.

Sixty to 80 people helped control the fire. The interagency effort consisted of crews from Warm Springs Fire Management, Warm Springs Fire and Safety, the US Forest Service, the BIA, BLM and the Jefferson County Rural Fire Protection District. The fire was completely controlled by July 14.

Fire officials urge all residents to use caution when outdoors.



The Kuckup Fire burned quickly toward the southern end of the reservation.



Gary Sampson rolls out hose in Greeley Heights.



Andrew Smith fills bladder bags used to suppress fire in remote area



A Cascade helicopter dumps a 250-gallon bucket of water near Jackson Trail Road.

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Joe Brisbois cools down a hotspot.