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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
Sunday April 7, 2019
Contact: Fire Chief – Justin Andrew

Subject: Outside Fire- Eagle Hill Area, Mountain View County

On Sunday April 7, 2019 at 15:43 hrs Olds Fire Department was called to an outside fire reported in the Eagle Hill area of Mountain View County.

Upon arrival, crews found a large grass fire that was threatening buildings, including the house, large barn, farm equipment and a holiday trailer.

The fire spanned an area of approximately 50 acres and consumed mainly grass/pasture. There was a loss to corral structures in the yard and fence, but no animals were present.

Olds Fire requested assistance from Sundre and Bowden Fire Departments for the use of their all-terrain fire vehicles as access was extremely limited due to the soft thaw conditions. Fire trucks were not able to access the pasture area at all, as the ground was too soft, and the trucks would have become stuck. There were 30 firefighters involved for approximately five hours.

The cause of the fire was accidental in nature, and was found to originate from a refuse burning area. The Olds Fire Department would like to remind rural residents to be aware of the conditions prior to any burning activity as high fuel loads from dead grass along with high winds can create volatile conditions quickly. Please refer to the County of Mountain View website for the latest information relating to fire permits or bans. <http://www.mountainviewcounty.com>

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