

Avenues of Support: Ash Creek Fire

DONATING HAY & RANCH SUPPLIES	*Donating Hay & Ranch Supplies:* ----- If you have hay to donate or sell call: Randy Ward (vet in Powder River County) at 406-935-2563. There have been donations of 2.5 semi loads, and 45 bails from a Powderville rancher. Supplies for livestock, contact Julie Emmons Korkow 554v3123 The Montana Department of Agriculture is coordinating reduced-price and donated hay and pastures for landowners who have livestock affected by the fires. Landowners near the Ash Creek fire can contact the Powder River Disaster and Emergency Services for assistance. Contact Becky McEuen (Powder River Disaster Services - 406-853-4284) for general information
BENEFIT AUCTIONS/SALES	Rachel Adam Photo sales. Rachel took stunning photos of the fire. (All proceeds from these galleries go to the Ash Creek Fire recovery.) http://racheladam.smugmug.com/Events/Ash-Creek-and-Taylor-Creek "Western Chick Boutique" held a benefit auction on Facebook and raised over \$5,000.
DONATING MONEY <i>(Also, a donation site is on the way.)</i>	The Stockman Bank account has been set up. AshCreek Fire Ranch Relief Fund account number #1010021680 Donations can be dropped off at ANY Stockman Bank location or mailed to: PO Box 250 Miles City, MT 59301 <i>Our focus will be on what is most needed at this time: Fencing & Feed. This is still a work in progress so, please be patient. We will let you know when & how to apply for help, AFTER the fire is out & the needs have been assessed. ALL donations will be 100% distributed to the ranches.</i> Please consider donating to the Broadus Volunteer Fire Department. Broadus Volunteer Fire Dept, Box 516, Broadus, MT 59317 This was the first donation fund: First State Bank Forsyth, box 379, Forsyth 59327.
	You can also donate to the Northern Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club at www.ncbgclub.com. Other than family and friends, they were the first shelter to open for the displaced families in Ashland and the surrounding areas. When they opened their doors the morning after the fire got really bad they had 200+ people waiting for assistance. The Red Cross is also taking donations for those affected by the fire.

THANK YOU'S	*Thank the Volunteer Fire Department:* -- These guys have been out all day every day. *Thank TRECO:* -- TRECO is reporting the loss of nearly 300 poles during the fire and were only out of electricity for a week. Many thanks to the Local companies that have donated or have committed to helping. (Trans Canada, Conoco Phillips, Mitchell's Oilfield Service.) If you or your Company would like to donate, please let Becky know. Contact Becky McEuen (Powder River Disaster Services - 406-853-4284) for general information. The Red Cross has been helping out. In one day they delivered 311 meals to ranchers, volunteers and fire fighters.
INFORMATION FOR THOSE AFFECTED <i>Thanks, Powder River Examiner, for some of these tips!</i>	Hay Hotline "The Montana Department of Agriculture set up a program to list hay and pasture availability throughout the region, as well as providing a location for those wishing to donate hay. To learn more, visit http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Producer/HayHotline/ Or call Powder River County Extension Office: 406-436-2424. Emergency Use of CRP acreage Authorization has been granted for Powder River and Rosebud County livestock producers affected by wildfires to make emergency use of land in those counties that is enrolled in CRP. CRP participants will not be assessed a payment reduction, but must contact their local FSA office for approval. Approval is on a case-by-case basis. Livestock must be removed from the CRP land by August 3, 2012. On July 5, the Montana FSA approved the emergency use of Montana CRP land under contract to assist livestock producers affected by the ongoing wildfires in Rosebud and Powder River Counties. "Producers who have been affected in these counties should contact their local FSA office immediately to inquire regarding eligibility," said Deschamps. He added the window of opportunity for the CRP emergency use was limited and will expire on Aug. 3. Livestock may be temporarily moved to land enrolled in CRP in Rosebud and Powder River counties for no more than 30 days if they are approved by the FSA County Office on a case-by-case basis, he said. Authorized CRP land use is limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences due to wildfires, he added. Update: http://www.krtv.com/news/21-montana-counties-authorized-for-emergency-crp-haying-grazing/ Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (406-748-2990) is going to come to Broadus on Monday (July 9th) to bring information and updates to any businesses who would like

	information on assistance available due to the disaster (They'll be in town and at the Chamber Meeting). SEMDC is coordinating through the DES Coordinator, Becky McEuen, and will be available. John is offering to fly any landowners who are victims of the Ash Creek and Taylor Creek fires who need to locate their cattle. Call us at 436-2560. (No sight-seers, please.) <u>Disaster Distress HelpLine</u> - Counseling after a disaster. Stress, anxiety, and depression are common reactions. It's free and confidential. 1-800-985-5990
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