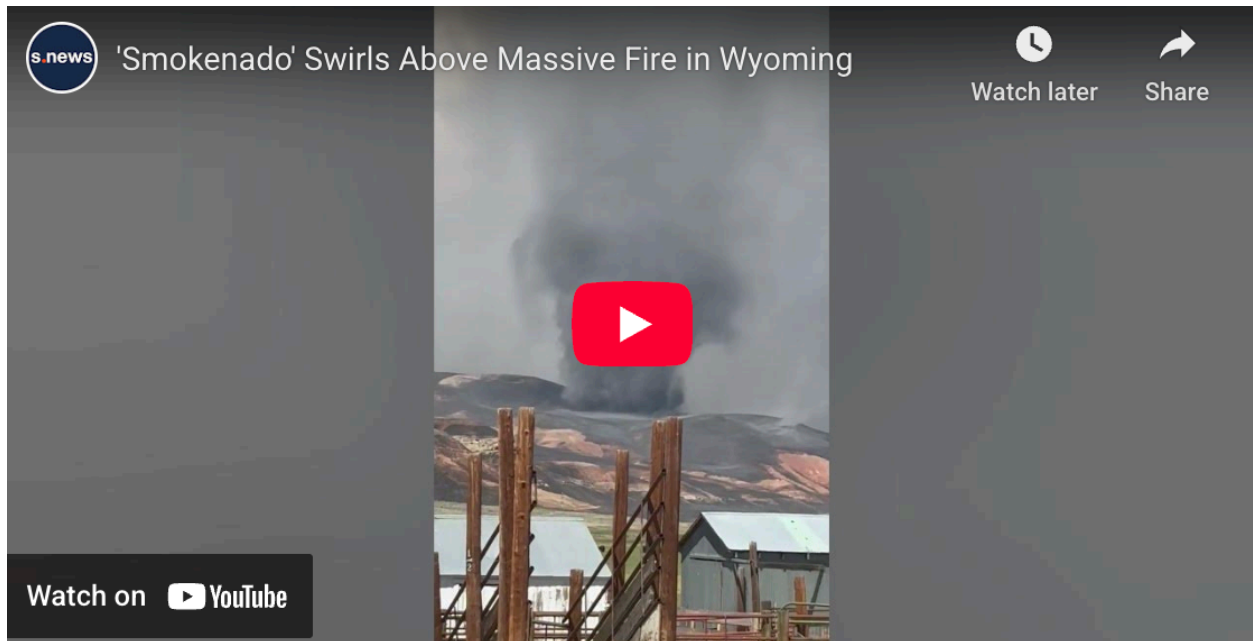


'Smokenado' Swirls Above Massive Fire in Wyoming



[Video linked here](#)

A towering smoke cloud swirled over the Red Canyon Fire in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on August 18, footage shows.

Jeramy Pittsley said he captured the “smoke tornado” on Monday while heading to assist a local rancher near Thermopolis.

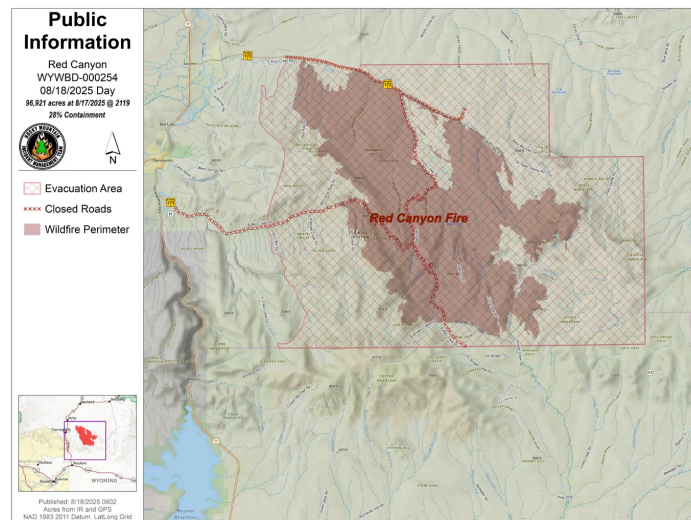
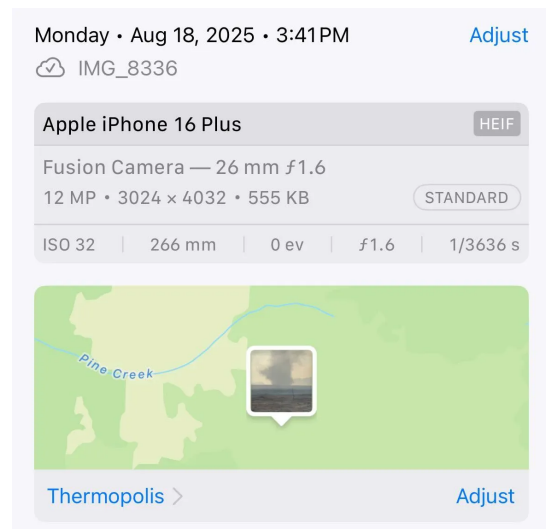
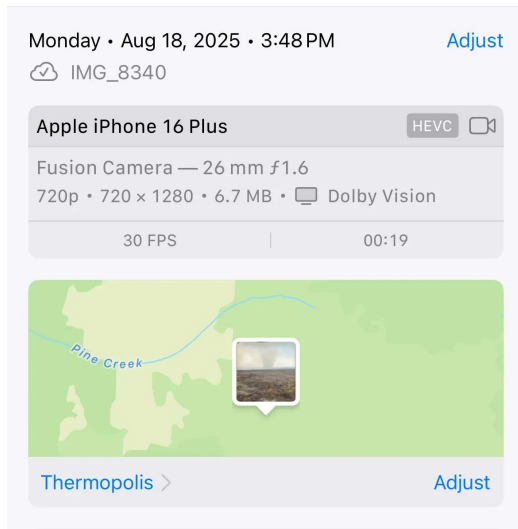
Officials [said](#) the fire had burned 124,709 acres (195 square miles) and was 75 percent contained as of Monday morning, and [evacuation orders](#) for nearby residents were lifted later that afternoon.

Date - Corroborated - August 18 2025

The source of the footage said it was captured on August 18. He sent additional photos from the same day to corroborate this. See screenshots of metadata below.

Other images shared online reportedly show smoke funnels in the area on August 19 - see [here](#).

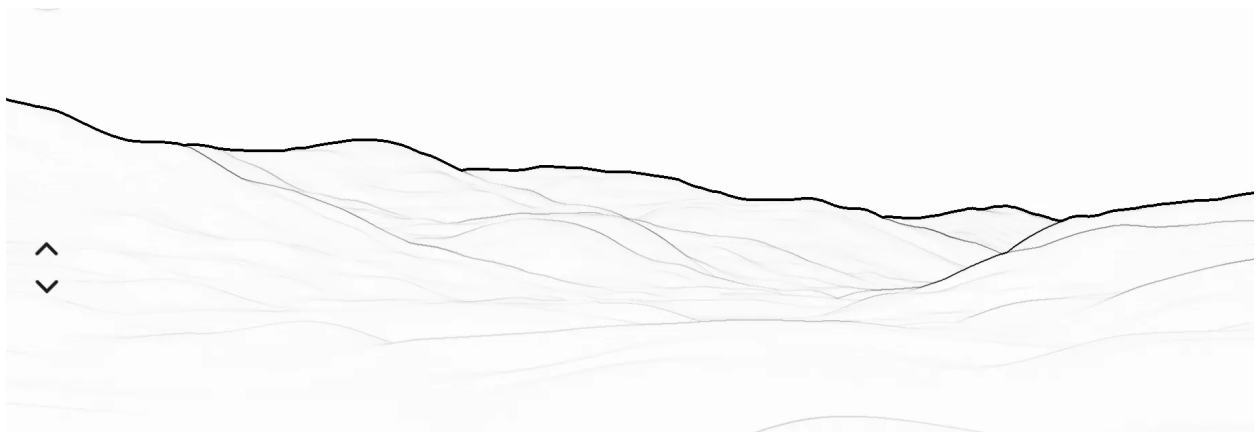
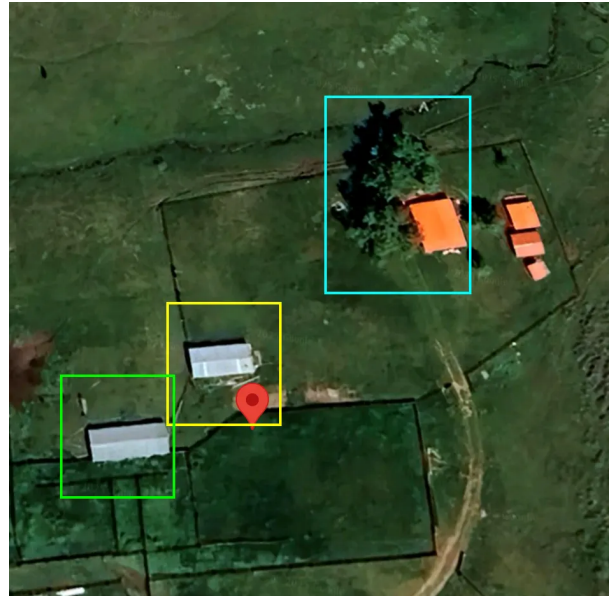
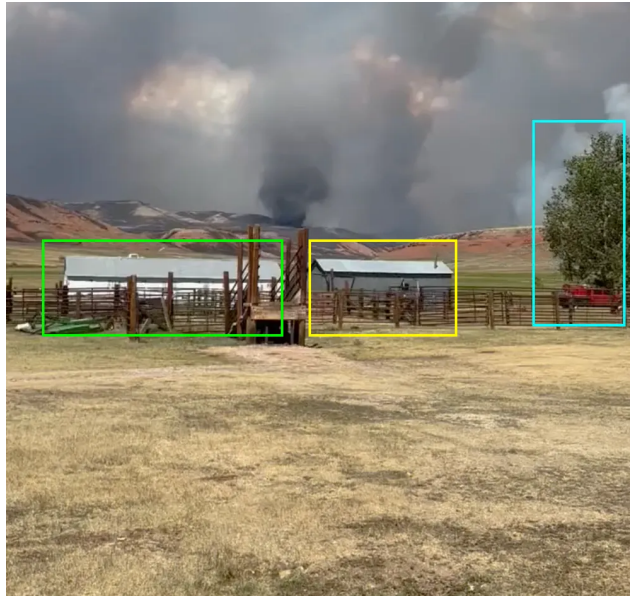
Officials [reported](#) the fire was burning north of the recording location on the day of filming.



Red Canyon Fire Daily Update - PIO Map - 08-18-2025

Location - *Confirmed* - Thermopolis, Wyoming

The footage was filmed in Thermopolis, Wyoming. This is confirmed using Google Maps (see [here](#)). The shape of the mountains also tally with findings from [PeakFinder](#) (see below).



Source - *Confirmed* - Jeramy Pittsley

The footage was filmed by Jeramy Pittsley, who is a [retired](#) Wyoming Highway Patrol Officer and provided a home address in the city where the footage was recorded.