The Indian Canyon Fire in southwest South Dakota began as a dry lightning strike from passing storm on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Because of gusty winds the fire expanded quickly reaching 8,000 acres by Sunday morning and 12,000 by Monday morning. The majority of this fire is burning on privately-owned ranch lands. Nearly all of it is open and rugged terrain, laden with heavy fuels.

Edgemont residents were given pre-evacuation notices, however, the evacuation never occurred, however nearby Cottonwood was evacuated early Sunday afternoon. Recent heavy rains have been able to curtail the further spread of the fire.