

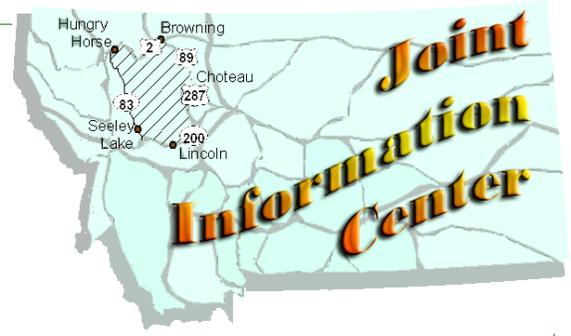
Bob Marshall Area Joint Fire Information Center
Ahorn, Amphitheatre Mountain, Conger Creek, Fool Creek,
Railley Mountain, Skyland, and Turtlehead Fires

1-866-831-7450 : 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SKYLAND FIRE

(406) 226-4333

7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 • 8 a.m.

Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 3 (PNW Team 3) assumed management of the Skyland Fire at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Yesterday's Activities:

As fire activity slowed Wednesday, fire crews burned out fireline to Cooper Lake on the east end of the fire, and strengthened fireline along the northeast corner of the fire, south of East Glacier. A public meeting drew 75 people to hear a fire update at East Glacier Lodge Tuesday evening.

The PNW Team 3 assumed management of the fire from Washington State Incident Management Team 3.

Over the last couple weeks, Dave LaFave, his Incident Management Team, and all the firefighters assigned to the Skyland Fire have done an outstanding job in making progress to suppress this fire while providing for the safety of both the public and firefighters. All the cooperating agencies and Incident Commander Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3, would like to thank Dave and his team for their outstanding leadership and commitment to working with the local agencies and public.

Weather and Fire Behavior forecast for today:

Partly cloudy with highs 76° F to 81° F below 6,000 feet and 71° F to 76° F above 6,000 feet. A slight chance of dry thunderstorms in the late afternoon. Gusty erratic winds may accompany the thunderstorms. Humidity will be 22 to 26 percent below 6,000 feet and 27 to 32 percent above 6,000 feet.

Today's Planned Actions:

Continued strengthening of firelines along the northeast and east edges of the fire as crews scout lines on the southeast corner of the fire. Crews continue building line along the north end of the fire, south of U.S. Hwy 2.

Special Notices, Alerts & Restrictions:

All entrances to Glacier National Park are open. U.S. Hwy. 2 remains open with a speed restriction in the fire area. Visit www.nps.gov/glac for more information.

For fire restrictions, visit www.mt.blm.gov/fire/restrictions. Much of the Rocky Mountain Ranger District is closed to public use. There are closures in the Hungry Horse Ranger District as well.

Visit www.incweb.org and click on Skyland Fire for details, or call the ranger districts - Hungry Horse (406) 387-3800; Rocky Mountain (406) 466-5341.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT
Approximate Size	38,014 acres
Increase since last update	1,039 acres
Fire Containment	35%
Start Date	July 18, 2007 - 4:10 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	25 crews 8 helicopters 8 dozers 44 engines 18 water tenders
Total Personnel	986
Est. Containment Date	Unknown
Cooperating Agencies	USFS NPS BIA Blackfeet Tribe Montana DNRC
Landowners	USFS, Blackfeet Tribe, Private
Restrictions	Please See Info To Left

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