

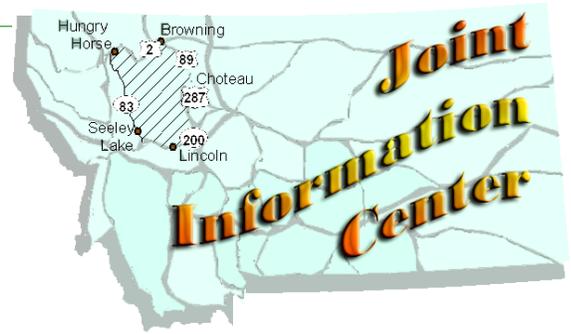
Bob Marshall Area Joint Fire Information Center
Ahorn, Amphitheatre Mountain, Conger Creek, Fool Creek,
Railley Mountain, Skyland, and Turtlehead Fires

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

SKYLAND FIRE

(406) 226-4333

7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Saturday, Aug. 11, 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:

Firelines held Friday as high wind gusts picked up flames after morning showers left a tenth of an inch of rain on the fire. Firefighters continued using fireline explosives to build line on the north side of the fire, south of U.S. Hwy. 12 as they mopped up the east end of the fire and began rehabilitation efforts on the west end. Fireline explosives also were used to construct line south of Two Medicine Creek.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

Warm and clear skies are expected Saturday with valley highs 75 to 80 degrees and highs of 69 to 74 degrees above 6,000 feet. Humidities will be 19 to 24 percent below 6,000 feet and 23 to 28 percent at higher elevations. Winds will be south, southwest 10 to 15 mph.

Today's Planned Actions:

More fireline explosives will be used to build fireline on the north side of the fire. Crews will construct direct and indirect line on the southeast corner of the fire south of Cooper Lake. Firefighters will continue scouting fireline from Cooper Lake to Badger Guard Station.

Special Notices, Alerts, Restrictions & Evacuation Levels:

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.

Evacuation Level 1 (notification) is still in effect for East Glacier, and Evacuation Level 2 (preparation) is in effect for the areas south and west of U.S. Hwy. 2 and BIA 2.

Visit www.inciweb.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	39,150 acres
Increase since last update	1,115
Fire Containment	36%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	21 crews 7 helicopters 8 dozers 18 water tenders 48 engines
Total Personnel	948
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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[National Interagency Fire Center](http://www.nifc.gov)
www.nifc.gov

[National Fire News](http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html)
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