

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.



Monday, Aug. 13, 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:

Yesterday was a hot, windy day, with gusts recorded up to 64 mph. There was increased activity across the fire, with torching of unburned islands and fingers interior to the established fire line. The percentage of containment increased significantly as fire crews continued to control the perimeter. Firefighters continued using fireline explosives to build line along the south side of Two Medicine Creek. Rehabilitation efforts continued on the west end.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

Warm and clear skies are anticipated on Monday. Relative humidities should be between 20 and 25% below 6000 feet, and 24-29% above 6000 feet. Winds should be west to south-west between 8-12 mph, changing to easterly in the evening. No significant problem fire behavior is anticipated.

Today's Planned Actions:

Fireline explosives will be used to build line on the south side of the fire today, where two crews will be camped out. Crews will continue to construct direct and indirect line on the north side of the fire, and rehabilitation efforts on the western and eastern flanks

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, and short delays when helicopters fly over the highway. 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 Little Badger, and Evacuation Level 2 (preparation) is in effect for the U.S. Hwy. 2 Corridor and Glacier Acres.

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.

The Bob Marshall Joint Fire Information Center has developed a website (www.activefires.net/jic_mt/) with combined information for fires in their respective area.

| Quick Fire Facts | |
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| Location | 32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT |
| Approximate Size | 40,028 acres |
| Increase since last update | 208 |
| Fire Containment | 56% |
| Start Date | July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm |
| Cause | Lightning |
| Incident Commander | Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3 |
| Resources on the Fire | 23 crews 6 helicopters 1 dozer 13 water tenders 27 engines |
| Total Personnel | 884 |
| Est. Containment Date | unknown |
| Cooperating Agencies | USFS NPS BIA Blackfeet Tribe Montana DNRC |
| Landowners | USFS Blackfeet Tribe Private |

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[National Situation Report](http://www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf)
www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf

[National Interagency Fire Center](http://www.nifc.gov)
www.nifc.gov

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