

**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.



**Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007 • 8 a.m.**

**Yesterday's Activities:**

Yesterday was a warm and dry day, with light to moderate winds that did not push the fire beyond the fire perimeter. Hand crews continued to build line on both the northern and southern sides of the fire. Two crews spent the night near Badger Creek, working to construct fireline with the help of explosives. Rehabilitation efforts continue on both the eastern and western ends of the fire.

**Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:**

A red flag warning has been issued because of warmer and drier conditions, with strong, gusty winds expected in the afternoon. Winds will be from the southwest and increase from 15 to 20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph by the afternoon. The relative humidity will be from 13 to 18% in the valleys, and up to 20% above 6,000 ft. The fire may be more active, due to the low relative humidity, higher temperatures and wind.

**Today's Planned Actions:**

Fireline explosives will be used to build line on the south side of the fire today, between the existing fireline and Badger Creek Guard Station. Crews will finish constructing direct and indirect line on the north side of the fire. Work will continue on 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](http://www.nps.gov/glac) for more information.

For fire restrictions, visit [www.mt.blm.gov/fire/restrictions](http://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](http://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/](http://www.activefires.net/jic_mt/)) with combined information for fires in their respective area.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT
Approximate Size	40,485 acres
Increase since last update	457
Fire Containment	59%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	19 crews 5 helicopters 1 dozer 12 water tenders 25 engines
Total Personnel	811
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](http://www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf)

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

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