

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

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SKYLAND FIRE

(406) 226-4333

7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007 • 8 a.m.

Yesterday's Activities:

Winds from the east and northeast spurred active fire activity inside the fireline. Hand crews continue to build line on the southern side of the fire. Approximately 40 head of cattle were herded south away from the fire to facilitate burnout operations.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

Thursday will be partly cloudy with a 20% chance of dry, late afternoon thunderstorms. Relative humidity will be 20 to 25% in the valleys, and 25 to 30% above 6000 feet. Moderate southwest winds in the morning may turn to southeast by the afternoon. Continued scorching with occasional short duration crown fires, are expected in wind exposed areas inside the fireline.

Today's Planned Actions:

Cattle will continue to be rounded up and removed from the southern side of the fire. Work will continue on rehabilitation efforts on the western and eastern flanks. Crews will continue with mop-up work.

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.

For information on fires in western Montana visit the Bob Marshall Joint Fire Information Center website. (www.activefires.net/jic_mt/)

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT
Approximate Size	40,704 acres
Increase since last update	156
Fire Containment	60%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	16 crews 5 helicopters 1 dozer 9 water tenders 21 engines
Total Personnel	720
Est. Containment Date	unknown
Cooperating Agencies	USFS NPS BIA Blackfeet Tribe Montana DNRC
Landowners	USFS Blackfeet Tribe Private

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