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AHORN FIRE
(406) 562-3922



Friday, Aug. 17 2007 • 8 a.m.

Yesterday's Activities: Cloudy weather conditions and cooler temperatures coupled with smoky conditions combined to "put a lid" on fire activity. There was a little movement early in the Benchmark area and a little activity on the north side south of the K-Bar-L Ranch. Activity consisted mostly of creeping and smoldering with rare instances of isolated torching. Logging trucks continued to haul out felled trees that were cut along the Beaver Willow Road, and chipping of slash continued as well.

Weather and Fire Behavior forecast for today: Mostly cloudy. Highs: 76-82 lower elevations, 63-73 above 7000ft. Minimum humidity: lower elevations 20-24%, 24-34% higher elevations. Ridgetop winds: Southwest 12-17 mph, gusts to 25 mph. Slope/valley winds: Terrain dominated winds of less than 8 mph through morning blowing upslope and southwest near 10 mph. A Haines Index of 3 is forecast.

Today's Planned Actions: Work will continue on structure protection. Hauling of felled trees and chipping of slash will continue today. The goal is to reduce fuels along the Beaver Willow road from the Stoner Place north to Green Timber Basin. The road may be used as a control line (Management Action Point 9), if the fire gets into the Beaver Creek drainage. Mop-up and fuels mitigation will continue in the back country. Helicopters will provide support for both the Ahorn and Fool Creek fires.

Special Notices, Restrictions and Closures:

Rocky Mountain Ranger District Closures: The District Fire Closure on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, remains in effect. It is prohibited to be within the boundaries of the Fire Area Closure.

The Forest Service area closure remains in effect for the Bob Marshall Wilderness east of the Continental Divide. Stage II fire restrictions are in effect for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District on the Lewis and Clark National Forest outside the wilderness. The Scapegoat wilderness portion of the district still open remains in Stage I. No open fires are allowed in the wilderness. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place for the fire area and the airstrip at Benchmark. For detailed restrictions visit www.mt.blm.gov/fire/restrictions.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	30 miles west of Augusta, Montana
Approximate Size	47,000
Increase since last update	500
Fire Containment	6%
Start Date	July 11
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Whitney
Resources on the Fire	2 Crews, 6 Helicopters, 18 Engines, 12 Water Tenders
Total Personnel	288
Est. Containment Date	Unknown
Cooperating Agencies	BLM, Lewis and Clark County, Teton County
Landowners	Lewis and Clark National Forest
Restrictions	Evacuations remain in place for the Gibson Reservoir area, Stoner area, and Benchmark area.

For more information on the Ahorn Fire, call the Incident Command Post in Augusta at (406) 562-3922 or go to <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/805/>.

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FOOL CREEK FIRE
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Yesterday's Activities: Helicopters dropped retardant in the head of Nesbit Creek to prevent the fire from flaring up in an area where it could potentially spread into the Waldron Creek drainage. Helicopters dipped water from the Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area to cool spot fires burning at the very head of the Blackleaf drainage. Sprinklers continued to be operated at the Teton Pass Ski Area, the 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch facility near the Cave Mountain Campground, and several Forest Service backcountry cabins. The fire has burned to the north edge of Teton Pass Ski Area, which remains intact. Helicopters assisted fire crews who constructed a handline to control a 20 acre area that was burning south of Elko campground.

Weather and Fire Behavior forecast for today: Moderate fire spread is expected today due to predicted higher humidity and clouds which will tend to shade the fire.

Today's Planned Actions: The top priorities for Friday are to have helicopters drop water or retardant to cool the fire south of the Elko Campground. Helicopters will monitor the spot fire at the very head of the Blackleaf drainage. That spot fire had stopped smoking Thursday after being doused by bucket drops. Helicopters will continue to drop water on hot spots near the perimeter. A dozer will construct five miles of line along the east edge of an abandoned natural gas pipeline right-of-way in the Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area. This line would only be used in the event the fire moves out of the mountains.

Coordination with county officials and local fire departments is ongoing with mutual protection contingency actions planned to the east of the fire on the mountain front.

Special Notices, Alerts & Restrictions: The Sun River, Ear Mountain and Blackleaf state wildlife management areas are closed. The Elk Creek, Smith Creek, and Dearborn trailheads into the Scapegoat Wilderness area on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District are open, but the remainder of the district is closed. Additional adjacent areas of the Flathead, Helena and Lolo National Forests are closed. The land managed by the BLM adjacent to the national forest boundary, including the Blind Horse Outstanding Natural Area, is closed.

Stage II fire restrictions are in effect on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District outside of the wilderness. Stage I restrictions remain in effect within the wilderness. Open fires are prohibited within the wilderness.

Quick Fire Facts

Location	30 mi. west of Choteau
Approximate Size	46,908
Increase since last update	4,294
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	Detected July 4
Cause	Lightning in late June
Incident Commander	Jeff Whitney
Resources on the Fire	5 engines, 3 helicopters, 1 dozer
Total Personnel	105
Est. Containment Date	Unknown
Cooperating Agencies	Teton Co. Sheriff, Mont. National Guard, BLM, Mont. DNRC, Mont. DEQ, Teton Rural Vol. FD
Landowners	Lewis & Clark National Forest (26,516 Acres), Flathead National Forest (20,392 Acres)
Restrictions	See detailed description to the left.

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SKYLAND FIRE
(406) 226-4333
 7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



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Yesterday's Activities:

Fire activity was light on Thursday, due to lower than expected temps and passive winds out of the east. In the south end, conditions were favorable for burnout operations north of Badger Cabin. Hand crews continued to strengthen the fireline on the northern and eastern perimeter.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

Expect another partly cloudy day on Friday with isolated chance for thunderstorms this afternoon into this evening. Relative humidity will drop to 18-23% in the valleys, and remain at 25 to 30% above 6000 feet. Light southwest winds will prevail today, gusting to 25mph on the ridge top. Smoldering and low intensity surface spread with isolated torching is expected throughout the fire area.

Today's Planned Actions:

Burnout operations will continue north of Badger Cabin in an attempt to extend the contingency fireline down to the Continental Divide. Work will continue on rehabilitation efforts on the western and eastern flanks. Crews will continue with patrol & 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.

Please see the last pages of this package for Closure information related to all fires discussed in this joint fire update.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT
Approximate Size	41,048 acres
Increase since last update	344
Fire Containment	60%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	14 crews 6 helicopters 1 dozer 8 water tenders 17 engines
Total Personnel	668
Est. Containment Date	unknown
Cooperating Agencies	USFS NPS BIA Blackfeet Tribe Montana DNRC
Landowners	USFS Blackfeet Tribe Private

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CONGER FIRE
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Yesterday's Activities:

The Conger Creek Fire grew about 200 acres yesterday to about 10,000 acres in size. The fire is burning intensely in the 1988 Canyon Creek Burn with moderate rates of spread. The southeast corner of the fire is moving toward the confluence of the North Fork and Dry Fork, and moving toward Lake Mountain. The fire crossed the North Fork of the Blackfoot on Wednesday. 7 firefighters on a fire-use module continued to monitor the fire and checked for spot fires.

Weather and Fire Behavior forecast for today:

Partly sunny, smoky, chance of showers and thunderstorms, 70-80 degree temperatures, humidity 20-30 percent, 10-15 MPH winds out of southeast in morning becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Today's Planned Actions:

A new 14-person crew is arriving today. Monitoring of the fire will continue. Structure protection activities will continue in Monture and North Fork drainages. Aerial reconnaissance is planned. North Fork Cabin and bridge, Carmichael Cabin and Smoke's Bridge remain the critical infrastructure threatened by the fire.

Special Notices, Alerts & Restrictions:

See closure information at the end of this update package.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	20 mi north of Ovando, MT
Approximate Size	10,000 acres
Increase since last update	200 acres
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	July 15, 2007
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Wayne Williams
Resources on the Fire	1 fire use module
Total Personnel	7
Est. Containment Date	Season ending event
Cooperating Agencies	Lolo National Forest , Helena National Forest
Landowners	Lolo and Helena National Forest
Restrictions	See closure information at the end of this update package.

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OVANDO POINT FIRE
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Yesterday's Activities:

Crews continued with their initial attack response to the 30 acre Ovando Point Fire reported late Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, steep terrain and poor access limited the fire fighters ability to effectively suppress the fire. The estimated acreage yesterday evening was 150, but it has not been mapped. A community meeting was held in Ovando last night; currently, no evacuations are in place.

Weather and Fire Behavior forecast for today:

Partly sunny, smoky, chance of showers and thunderstorms, 70-80 degree temperatures, humidity 20-30 percent, 10-15 MPH winds out of southeast in morning becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Today's Planned Actions:

The Alaska Incident Management Team I (Wilcock) will be assuming management of the Ovando Point fire today. The team is also managing the Jocko Lakes Fire.

Special Notices, Alerts & Restrictions:

None in relation to the Ovando Fire. The Conger Fire has related restrictions in the general area. See the last pages of this update for specific closure information in the area.

Quick Fire Facts

Location	5 miles northwest of Ovando, MT
Approximate Size	150 acres
Increase since last update	120 acres
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	July 9, 2007
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Mark South IC III
Resources on the Fire	20 person crew, 2 dozers
Total Personnel	25
Est. Containment Date	unknown
Cooperating Agencies	Lolo National Forest
Landowners	Lolo National Forest
Restrictions	None in relation to Ovando Point Fire.

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RAILLEY MOUNTAIN FIRE

The Railley Mountain Fire was detected and reported by Jumbo Lookout on July 21 in the upper Youngs Creek drainage of the South Fork Flathead River in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The fire was put in suppression status with approval of the District Ranger. The fire will require monitoring and trail posting at this time, but may require more active management in the future. The fire is being monitored by Jumbo Lookout and by patrol flights.

Yesterday's Activity - The Railley Mountain Fire had increased activity with its own smoke column in Youngs Creek and the east end of Marshall Creek Wednesday afternoon. Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity. It is very likely the fire has increased acreage.

Restrictions and Closures: There is no access into the southern portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. All access from Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot, and Pyramid Pass is restricted. Access is via Owl Creek at Holland Lake, Meadow Creek, Gorge Creek or Silvertip trailheads. This area closure ties into the existing area closure related to Ahorn Fire/Fool Creek Fires.

Railley Mtn Quick Fire Facts

Location	13 miles NE of Seeley Lake Ranger Station, T18N, R13W, Sec. 20
Approximate Size	4,275 Acres (from 8/14 late IR flight)
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Status	Suppression Fire
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	June 28, detected July 21
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	Flathead NF (3,209 Acres), Lolo NF (1,066 Acres)

FALLS CREEK FIRE

The Falls Creek Fire was detected and reported by Jumbo Lookout on August 7 in the area of Delaware Creek, Youngs Creek drainage of the South Fork Flathead River in the Bob Marshall Wilderness 1 mile north of the Railley Mountain Fire. The fire was put in suppression status with approval of the District Ranger. Given its location in Youngs Creek it is not an option for firefighters on the ground. Water drops are being considered. The fire is being monitored by Jumbo Lookout and by patrol flights.

Yesterday's Activities: Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity.

Today's Planned Actions: Continued monitoring by Jumbo Lookout and patrol flights.

Restrictions and Closures: There is no access into the southern portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. All access from Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot, and Pyramid Pass is restricted. Access is via Owl Creek at Holland Lake, Meadow Creek, Gorge Creek or Silvertip trailheads. This area closure ties into the existing area closure related to Ahorn Fire/Fool Creek Fires.

Falls Creek Quick Fire Facts

Location	16 miles NE of Seeley Lake Ranger Station, T19N, R13W, Sec. 33
Approximate Size	1 Acre
Fire Status	Suppression
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	July 27, est. based on lightning maps, detected 8/6
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	USFS, Flathead NF

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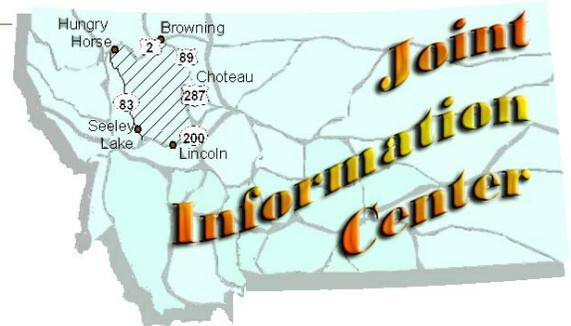
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AMPHITHEATRE MOUNTAIN

The Amphitheatre Wildland Fire Use fire was detected and reported by a patrol flight in early afternoon of July 28 in the Upper White River Drainage. It is located 2 miles due east of the Turtlehead Fire. The fire was put in Wildland Fire Use status with approval of the District Ranger and the Regional Office. The fire is being monitored by patrol flights, Spotted Bear Lookout, Jumbo Lookout, and lookouts are posted on Pagoda Mountain.

Yesterday's Activity - Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity.

Restrictions and Closures: On **Spotted Bear Ranger District**, there are 10 miles of White River Trail 112 from Needle Falls north to the junction with Wall Creek Trail 90, and all of Helen Creek Trail 100 that are closed to use.

Amphitheatre Mountain Quick Fire Facts

Location	22 miles SE of Spotted Bear Ranger Station. T22N, R12W, Sec. 7
Approximate Size	176 Acres
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Status	Wildland Fire Use
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	June 29, est. based on lightning maps, detected 7/28
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	USFS, Flathead NF

Turtlehead Quick Fire Facts

Location	22 miles SE of Spotted Bear Ranger Station. T22N, R13W, Sec. 12
Approximate Size	461 Acres
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Status	Wildland Fire Use
Fire Containment	0%
Start Date	June 28, est. based on lightning maps, detected 7/11.
Cause	Lightning

TURTLEHEAD

The Turtlehead Wildland Fire Use fire was detected and reported by a patrol flight in early afternoon of July 28 in the Upper White River Drainage. It is located 2 miles due west of the Amphitheatre Mountain Fire. The fire was put in Wildland Fire Use status with approval of the District Ranger and the Regional Office. The fire is being monitored by patrol flights, Spotted Bear Lookout, Jumbo Lookout, and lookouts are posted on Pagoda Mountain.

Yesterdays Activity - Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity.

Restrictions and Closures: On **Spotted Bear Ranger District**, there are 10 miles of White River Trail 112 from Needle Falls north to the junction with Wall Creek Trail 90, and all of Helen Creek Trail 100 that are closed to use.

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Corporal Quick Fire Facts

Location	5 miles SE of Spotted Bear Ranger Station, T25N, R14W Section line 28 and 33
Approximate Size	20 Acres
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Status	Suppression
Fire Containment	0 %
Start Date	Hold over July 17 lightning detection maps, detected 8/12
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	USFS, Flathead NF

CORPORAL

The Corporal Fire was detected and reported by Spotted Bear Lookout on August 12 in the area of Corporal Mountain and Harrison Creek, 1-1/2 mile south of Spotted Bear Lookout. The fire is in the Bob Marshall Wilderness area and within 1/4 - 1/2 mile of the wilderness boundary. The fire was put in suppression status given its location and potential rate of spread given the current fire weather warning with approval of the District Ranger.

Yesterday's Activity - Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity. The fire is visible from Spotted Bear River Road. The District is preparing a long-term plan and structure protection for Spotted Bear Lookout should be completed Friday afternoon.

Restrictions and Closures: All of Sergeant-Harrison Trail 88, Trail-Sergeant Trail 94, Harrison Trail 584, Lost Jack Trail 102, Meadow Mt. Trail 56, and Spotted Bear Mountain Trail from the junction with Spotted Bear Lake Trail to the Lookout are closed to use.

GUST

The Gust Fire was detected and reported by Jumbo Lookout on August 12 in the area Gust Mountain in the southern portion of Spotted Bear Ranger District, 2 miles northeast of the Railley Mountain Fire. The fire is in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The fire was put in suppression status given its location and potential rate of spread given the current fire weather warning with approval of the District Ranger. It is in the vicinity of the Railley Mountain and Falls Creek Fire.

Yesterday's Activity: Thursday was smoked in all day and no further information is known about fire activity.

Restrictions and Closures: There is no access into the southern portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. All access from Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot, and Pyramid Pass is restricted. Access is via Owl Creek at Holland Lake, Meadow Creek, Gorge Creek or Silvertip Trailheads. This area closure ties into the existing area closure related to Ahorn Fire/Fool Creek Fires.

Gust Fire Quick Fire Facts

Location	16 miles NE Seeley Lake Ranger Station, T18N, R13W, Sec 1; SW 1/4
Approximate Size	30 Acres +, not accurately mapped due to smoke conditions
Increase since last update	N/A
Fire Status	Suppression
Fire Containment	0 %
Start Date	Hold over August 10 lightning detection maps, detected 8/12
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	USFS, Flathead NF

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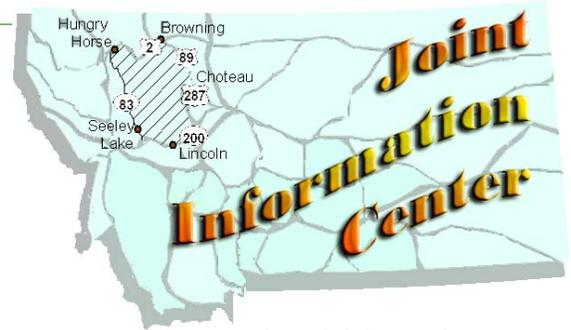
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Calbick Fire Quick Fire Facts

Location	20 miles NE Spotted Bear Ranger Station, T27N, R12W, Sec 8
Approximate Size	250 Acres
Increase since last update	50
Fire Status	Suppression
Fire Containment	0 %
Start Date	Hold over 7/17 lightning detection maps, detected 8/15
Cause	Lightning
Landowners	USFS, Flathead NF

CALBICK

The Calbick Fire was detected and reported by people at Schafer Meadows Work Center on the afternoon of August 15. The fire is located just east of Arrowhead Mountain in the northern portion of Spotted Bear Ranger District, in the upper Middle Fork Flathead River. The fire is in the Great Bear Wilderness 3 miles northeast of Schafer Meadows. The fire was put in suppression status given its location and potential rate of spread given the current fire weather with approval of the District Ranger

Yesterday's Activity: Thursday afternoon several people were flown in to Schafer Meadows Work Center. Some structure wrap material is at Schafer Meadows and more will be flown in tomorrow. Sprinkler set up will begin tomorrow. All of the fire is currently in Calbick Creek drainage. Fire acreage was mapped as people were flown to Schafer Meadows.

Restrictions and Closures: Calbick Trail 391, Big River Trail 155 from junction Trail 391 west to Trail 327, Lodgepole Mt Trail 337, Lodgepole Creek Trail 179, Morrison Creek Trail 154 from junction Trail 589 south to Trail 155 are closed to use.

For more information on these fires, visit this links:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/fire/fire_2007.shtml

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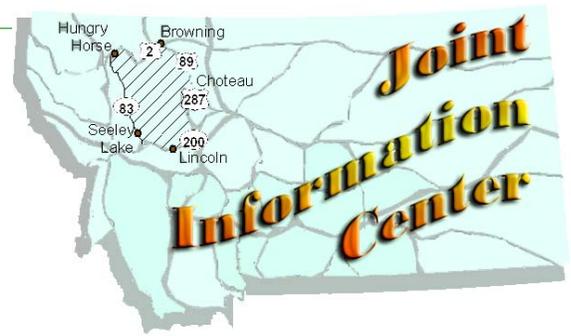
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There have been several new trail and area closures in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as of August 16, 2007. A new map detailing these closures is available for viewing/download at www.activefires.net/jic_mt/.

Helena National Forest
Lincoln Ranger District
8/16/2007 Closure

Area Closure: Due to the Conger Fire, the Helena National Forest has instituted an area closure that encompasses the west half of the Scapegoat Wilderness on the Lincoln Ranger District. The closure is described as follows: From Red Mountain north of Lincoln in T16N, R9W Sec. 26, follow the Scapegoat Wilderness boundary to the west to Mineral Hill. Follow the Helena National Forest/ Lolo National Forest boundary northeast to Crow point, and the Helena / Lewis and Clark National Forest boundary east to Monitor Point (not Monitor Mountain). From there, the closure line turns south along the Bighorn Creek/Landers Fork watershed divide, coming down to Landers Fork in Sec. 11, T16N R9W. From Landers fork it goes south to the west end of Webb Lake (which remains open), and then on watershed divide west of Ringeye Creek back to Red Mountain.

The official closure order language is as follows:

Order Number H-07-20: For the purpose of this order it is prohibited from going into or being upon all National Forest System Lands administered by the Helena National Forest as depicted in the map, Attachment A, hereby made part of this order. The area closure is defined as the wilderness boundary of the Scapegoat Wilderness from Red Mountain in T16N R9W Section 26 along the prominent ridgeline south and west in sections 33 and 32, T15N R9W Sections 5, 8, 7 and 6 to Arrastra Mtn along the ridgeline heading north in T15N R 10W Section 1, 12, 11, 10 and 3 to Daly Peak. This closure continues along the ridgeline heading north and west to Mineral Hill in T16N R10W Section 33, 29, 20, 19, 18, and then northeast in sections 7, 8, 5, and 4 continuing in T17N R10W Sections 33, 34, 27, 26, 23, 24 and 13 continuing east in T17N R9W in sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 16, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 continuing in T17N R8W in Sections 18, 17, 16, and 15. The closure boundary then crosses through the middle of the Scapegoat Wilderness heading southwest in T17N R8W in Sections 15, 16, 20, 29, 30, and 31 continuing in T16N R9W Sections 1, 2, 11, and 14 to Webb Lake and continuing in Sections 14, 15, 21, and 28 back to Red Mountain. The following trails will be closed: Mainline trail #481 at Webb Lake Cabin to Helena NF boundary in T17N R10W Section 34, Trail #479 Upper Landers, Trail #433 Crow Creek, Trail #432 Crow Peak, Trail #422 Middle Fork, Trail #438 Landers Fork to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #440 Continental Divide to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #427 Sourdough Basin, Trail #425 Twin Lakes, Trail #483 Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #482 East Fork of Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #484 Mineral Creek, Trail #476 Bugle Mtn, Trail #475 Mineral Creek Cutoff, and Trail #480 Meadow Cutoff. The reason for this closure is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to wildfires in the area, therefore the public is prohibited from use of this area.

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**Flathead National Forest,
Hungry Horse - Glacier View &
Spotted Bear Ranger Districts Closures**

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.

Area Closure: A portion of the Flathead National Forest south of Highway 2 is closed on the Hungry Horse Ranger District due to the Skyland Fire. Access to Skyland Road 569 the adjacent area is closed. Call the Hungry Horse Ranger District at (406) 387-3800 for specific information.

There is no access into the southern portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. All access from Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot, Pyramid Pass is restricted.

People may access the west side of the Bob Marshall via Owl Creek at Holland Lake, Meadow Creek, Gorge Creek or Silvertip trailheads. This area closure ties into the existing area closure related to Ahorn Fire/Fool Creek Fires. Call Spotted Bear Ranger District at (406) 758-5378 for information.

Trail Closures: Updated 8/16/2007: 10 Miles of White River Trail 112 from Needle Falls north to the junction with Wall Creek Trail 90 is closed. All of Helen Creek Trail 100 is closed to use. The closures are posted on the ground.

NEW 8/16: Due to the Corporal Fire, the entire lengths of these trails are closed: Sergeant-Harrison Trail 88, Sergeant Trail 94, Harrison Trail 584, Lost Jack Trail 102, Meadow Mtn. The Spotted Bear Mountain Trail from the junction with the Spotted Bear Lake Trail to the Lookout is closed to all use.

NEW 8/16: Due to the Calbick Fire in the Great Bear Wilderness, the following trails are closed in full: Calbick Trail 391, Lodgepole Mtn Trail 337, and Lodgepole Creek Trail 179. Big River Trail 155 from its junction with Trail 391 west to Trail 327 and the Morrison Creek Trail 154 from its junction with Trail 589 to the junction of Trail 155 are also closed to all use.

Skyland Fire: Trails 154 and 156 are closed north of their junctions with Trail 589 are closed. All trails connecting to Road 569 are closed.

Fire Restrictions: Stage II fire restrictions continue for Northwest Montana. These restrictions apply to all lands in Northwest Montana under the protection of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Flathead National Forest, Kootenai National Forest, Glacier National Park, Lake County, Sanders County, Lincoln County, Flathead County, Region 1 of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Stage I fire restrictions apply to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, (Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Great Bear Wilderness) lands on the Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Helena and Lolo National Forests. *Open fires are not allowed within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.*

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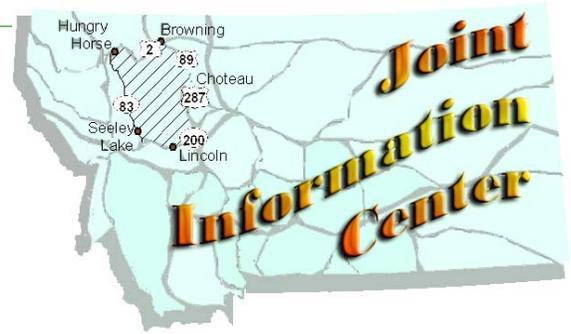
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**Lolo National Forest
Seeley Lake Ranger District Closures**

The area closure begins at Triple Divide in Sec. 6, T18N, R10W, runs southeasterly along the Lolo National Forest boundary through Olson Peak to Mineral Hill, then crosses to North Fork Blackfoot Trailhead. From the trailhead the closure goes north up Lake Creek to East Spread Mountain, turns westerly to Spread Mountain and runs southwesterly along (and includes) Spread Creek Trail #166 to Monture Trailhead. From Monture Trailhead the boundary runs north along (and includes) Center Ridge Trail #246 to the Lodgepole Trailhead. From the Lodgepole Trailhead, the boundary runs cross country to Nome Point, along to Morrell Mountain, then turns north to Pyramid Pass Trailhead, continues to Pyramid Peak, then follows the Lolo National Forest boundary eastward to Triple Divide.

**Lewis and Clark National Forest
Rocky Mountain Ranger District**

The District Fire Closure on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, remains in effect. The closure affects the following area: From Highway 2 at the Continental Divide (adjacent to Flathead National Forest Closure in Section 31), South along the Forest Boundary to Observation Point, east along the watershed divide between Green Fork Creek and the South Fork Sun River, across the ridge top of Cigarette Rock, along and including trail #247 to its junction with trail #212, along but not including trail #212 to its junction with trail #232, east following along but not including trail #232 to its junction with trail #244, east along but not including the portion of trail #244 in section 24 to the Forest boundary; North along the Forest boundary to Highway 2 and along Highway 2 to the Continental Divide. It is prohibited to be within the boundaries of the Fire Area Closure.

Hikers may still access the southern portion of the Scapegoat Wilderness on the Lewis and Clark National Forest through Smith Creek, Elk Creek, and the Dearborn Trailheads.

Fire Restrictions: Stage II fire restrictions are in effect for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District on the Lewis and Clark National Forest outside the Wilderness. Stage I fire restrictions are in effect for the wilderness portion of the Rocky Mountain Ranger District.

Air Traffic: Temporary flight restriction "or TFR" is in place for the fire areas and the air-strip at Benchmark is closed.

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