

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

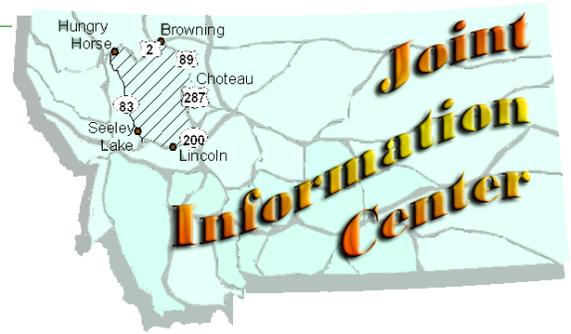
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SKYLAND FIRE

(406) 226-4333

7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Friday, Aug. 17, 2007 • 8 a.m.

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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[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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