

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.



Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007 • 8 a.m.

Yesterday's Activities:

The evacuation status was reduced to Level 1 (notification) for all areas of this fire. The fire pushed southeast, across the containment line, due to erratic winds and lower humidities. The affected area involved about 160 acres one mile northeast of Badger Guard Station. Hand crews continued to strengthen the firelines on the western, northern, and eastern perimeters.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

A Red Flag warning has been issued for today. Light southwest winds in the morning will give way to stronger gusting winds from the south. The winds will return to a southwest direction, gusting up to 30 mph. Relative humidity will drop to 12-18% in the valleys, and remain at 20 to 25% above 6000 feet. Temperatures will reach highs in the mid- 80's. Drier, windier conditions will likely increase fire activity across the fire.

Today's Planned Actions:

Fire crews will initiate a contingency fire line from Kiyoo Crag Lake southeast toward Half Dome Crag. Work will continue on rehabilitation efforts on the western and eastern flanks. Crews will continue with patrol and 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 in effect for Little Badger, 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	41,857 acres
Increase since last update	809
Fire Containment	54%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	11 crews 6 helicopters 1 dozer 6 water tenders 13 engines
Total Personnel	553
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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