

# **Final Roaring Lion Fire Update**

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 7:00 a.m.  
Bitterroot National Forest  
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**Hamilton, MT** - This will be the final daily update for the Roaring Lion Fire. The fire is located on the Darby Ranger District, 5 miles southwest of Hamilton, Montana, in mostly steep, rugged and difficult terrain. It is currently 8,533 acres in mixed conifer, grass and understory with 70% containment. The Roaring Lion Fire was detected on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> with the cause unknown and still under investigation.

The Roaring Lion Fire has a Type 3 Incident Commander (IC) Ken Parks with Stryker Clark as Trainee. Currently there are five (5) local type 6 engines, a 10 person Wildland Fire Module, as well as a Type 2 crew from the Trapper Creek Job Core and a Type 2 (medium) Helicopter and crew from Missoula, for a total of 58 fire fighters.

Fire suppression repair work will progress as more unneeded dozer and fire lines are selected for restoration. These areas will be put back to their original slope, seeded and water-barred as needed to minimize erosion. Engines in and around the fire's east and southeast perimeter will be patrolling and monitoring for any smokes or re-ignitions that might occur near firelines or homes. Lookouts will remain posted at and up the Camas Creek area to monitor fire behavior and direct aerial resources. Aerial resources, both rotor and fixed wing, remain available for use both on this incident and for initial attack.

Weather for the upcoming week will see an increase in clouds, cooler temperatures, and high humidities. A slight chance for rain showers and thunderstorms will be moving into the area later in the week. Smoke will continue to be visible from the interior of the burn area for the foreseeable future. This will most likely continue until a season ending event such as substantial rain or winter weather affects the fire area.

Closures remain in effect for the following areas: Camas Creek, Coyote Coulee, Roaring Lion, Sawtooth and Ward Mountain Trailheads are all closed and will remain closed until the risk to the public has been mitigated. The closure also includes the Coyote Coulee trail system and trail #59 up the North Fork of Lost Horse Creek. Observation Point road is also closed.

For further information on the Roaring Lion Fire or closures please visit the Inciweb website <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4913/#>, check out the Bitterroot National Forest's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF](http://www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF), follow them on Twitter [www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF](http://www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF) or call (406) 363-7100. For information concerning the evacuation levels you can also check out [www.facebook.com/Ravalli-County-Sheriffs-Office-261112620728766/?fref=nf](http://www.facebook.com/Ravalli-County-Sheriffs-Office-261112620728766/?fref=nf) or call the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office at (406) 375-4060. Additional information may be found at <http://firerestrictions.us/>.

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