

# FACT SHEET

## Condon Mountain Fire

Swan Lake Ranger District

September 21, 2012 8:30 a.m.



Information Officers: Katie Knotek & Colter Pence  
Fire Information Line: (406) 754-0127 Condon Work Center (ICP)  
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Incident:** The Condon Mountain Fire was started by lightning on 7/28.

**Location:** Approximately 4 miles northeast of Condon, MT.

**Agency Jurisdiction:** USDA Forest Service, Flathead National Forest; Montana DNRC, Swan River State Forest

**Cooperating Agencies:** Condon Fire Department, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Missoula County Sheriff's Office, Missoula County Emergency Services, Lake County Emergency Services, Swan Ecosystem Center

**Incident Commander:** Shawn Pearson, Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team (IMT). The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the Condon Work Center.

**Current Size:** 3,333 acres

**Containment:** 40%

**Structures Threatened:** 0

**Status:** The fire is burning in heavy timber with dead, standing whitebark pine, Douglas-fir, and subalpine fir. The fire area consists of steep, hazardous terrain with high potential for rollout, spotting, and snags. The fire is located just west of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. There are private lands in the valley bottom with structures within 1 ½ miles of the current fire perimeter. **There are no evacuations in effect at this time.**

**Yesterday's Activities:** Fire activity was high yesterday with short crown runs, group and single tree torching throughout the day. Spotting occurred ¼ mile outside the fire perimeter. The fire became established on the north slope of Smith Creek and moved upslope to the ridge on the northern edge of the Cooney Creek drainage. Line construction continued on the road system below the fire, along Forest Road 9762 to Cooney Mountain Lookout. About 1 hour of aerial ignition occurred in the evening to even up the flaming front backing downhill towards the road system on the west side of the fire.

**Current Resources:** **Five** 20-person crews, **six** engines, **eight** pieces of heavy equipment, **two** water tenders, and **four** helicopters. Total personnel: **178**.

**Today's Activities:** Temperatures today will be in the low 80's with relative humidity in the teens and northwest winds of 5-8 mph with gusts up to 15 mph. The fire is expected to continue moving south and will likely extend up the north slope of the Smith Creek drainage. Shawn Pearson's Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team arrived on site yesterday and is now managing the fire. A community meeting will be held at the Condon Community Hall tonight at 6:00 p.m.

**Restrictions/Closures:** **Trail #192, the Cooney Lookout/Foothills Trail, is being closed the Forest.** Trail #29, the Smith-Little Salmon Trail, remains closed. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect surrounding the Condon Mountain Fire area.

**For further information,** visit: [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org); Select "Condon Mountain"