

# Fire Information – Bear Creek Fire

Friday, Aug 14, 2015 2015 8:30 AM



## Flathead National Forest

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**FIRE SUMMARY:** The Bear Creek Fire is burning on the Spotted Bear Ranger District, in the Flathead National Forest. Management actions will be taken to confine the fire where appropriate and as resources are available, with fire fighter and public safety as a priority, as well as to minimize impacts to recreationists, the local outfitter & guides and resorts, and the Spotted Bear Ranger Station facilities.

**Location:** Spotted Bear MT, 53 miles south of Hungry Horse, MT. Bear Creek is approximately 5.5 miles southwest of Spotted Bear.  
**Legal Description:** T24N, R16W, Sec 13  
**Lat/Long:** 47° 50.826 x 113° 35.346  
**Detected:** August 12, 2015 **Cause:** Lightning  
**Total Acres:** 151 **Total Containment:** 0%  
**Resources Assigned:** Total Personnel: 20; Firefighters: 8; Engines: 1, Helicopters: 1; Overhead: 11  
The Type 3 team is comprised of Flathead National Forest, and MT State Department of Natural Resources.



August 12<sup>th</sup>, a lightning storm passed over the Spotted Bear area, starting a total of 14 new fires. Yesterday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, a local Type 3 Incident Management Team took over management of the Bear Creek Fire along with two other smaller fires nearby, while the other fires located in the Spotted Bear River area and within the Great Bear Wilderness Area are continuing to be managed by the Spotted Bear Ranger District. Trail closures are in place in the Bunker Creek area to protect public and firefighter safety, please see below and attached map. Today August 14<sup>th</sup>, a red flag warning for extreme weather, high winds, lightening, and localized heavy rain is predicted. For information about the other fires on the Spotted Bear Ranger District, please call (406) 758-5376. The Trail Creek Fire, located up Spotted Bear River was highly active and visible in the area.

### FIRE STATUS:

**Bear Creek Fire** – Size: 150 acres Location: 47° 50.826 x 113° 35.346 Status: Active fire behavior, backing down hill towards Bunker Creek, Single Engine Air Tankers performing retardant drops, helicopters performing water drops. Yesterday fire growth was held in check due to this aerial firefighting effort. Containment: 0% This fire is burning in the 2000 Chipmunk Creek Fire area.

**Late Creek Fire** – Size: 1 acre Location: 47° 49.284 x 113° 33.744 Status: Active fire behavior, fire line has been constructed around the fire, helicopters will continue. Containment: 0%.

**Addition Creek Fire** – Size: 1/10<sup>th</sup> acre Location: 47° 52.806 x 113° 35.100 Status: Dead out. This will be the last update.

### CLOSURES:

- The entirety of Trail #99, from Chipmunk Peak Trailhead to its terminus at the junction with Trails #82 and #101.
- The Bunker Creek Road #549/Trail 101, from Bunker Creek Trailhead to its junction with Trail #101A.
- The Middle Fork of Bunker Creek Road #2820/Trail 91, from Junction with Bunker Creek Road #549/Trail #101 to junction with Trail #7.
- A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place, 4 nautical miles around the fire. This does not affect the other airstrips in the area.