

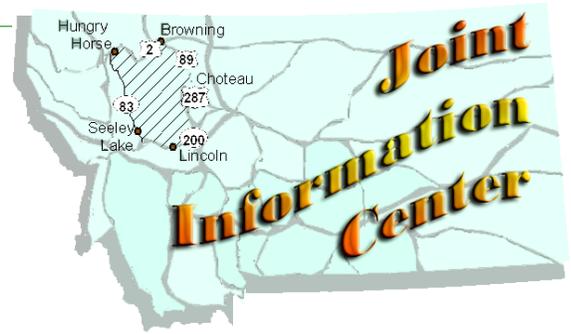
Bob Marshall Area Joint Fire Information Center
Ahorn, Amphitheatre Mountain, Conger Creek, Fool Creek,
Railley Mountain, Skyland, and Turtlehead Fires

1-866-831-7450 : 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SKYLAND FIRE

(406) 226-4333

7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Friday, Aug. 10, 2007 • 8 a.m.

Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 3 (PNW Team 3) assumed management of the Skyland Fire at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Yesterday's Activities:

Firefighters used fireline explosives along 6,000 feet of line on the north side of the fire, south of U.S. Hwy. 2, to create new fireline on steep, heavily wooded slopes Thursday. They also improved line in the head of the Two Medicine River drainage and scouted fireline on the southern side of the fire.

Weather and Fire Behavior Forecast for Today:

A Red Flag warning is in effect from noon to 9 p.m. Friday as west, southwest winds of 20 to 25 mph are expected with gusts to 35 mph. A tenth of an inch of rain wetted the fire overnight, which will slow fire activity this afternoon. Temperatures are expected to be a little lower today with 70° F to 75° F below 6,000 feet and 64° F to 69° F above 6,000 feet.

Lower humidities and higher temperatures will result in more active fire behavior.

Today's Planned Actions:

More fireline explosives will be used to build fireline on the north side of the fire. Direct and indirect line will continue to be built on the southeast corner of the fire south of Cooper Lake. Firefighters will continue scouting fireline from Cooper Lake to Badger Guard Station.

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. 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 East Glacier, and Evacuation Level 2 (preparation) is in effect for the areas south and west of U.S. Hwy. 2 and BIA 2.

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.

Quick Fire Facts	
Location	32 miles ESE of Kalispell, MT
Approximate Size	38,035 acres
Increase since last update	25
Fire Containment	37%
Start Date	July 23, 2007 - 4:30 pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	25 crews 6 helicopters 8 dozers 18 water tenders 48 engines
Total Personnel	1,031
Est. Containment Date	unknown
Cooperating Agencies	USFS NPS BIA Blackfeet Tribe Montana DNRC
Landowners	USFS Blackfeet Tribe Private
Restrictions	Please See Info To Left

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[National Interagency Fire Center](http://www.nifc.gov)
www.nifc.gov

[National Fire News](http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html)
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