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Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 28, 2015 8:00 a.m.

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>

Fire Information Hotline: (406)732-7791

Facts at a Glance

Size: 3,170 acres **Date Started:** 07/21/2015 **Percent Containment:** 45%

Personnel Assigned: 691, including 8 Interagency Hotshot crews and 8 20-person hand crews and other various personnel

Location: Approximately 6 miles east of Logan Pass, 4 miles west of St. Mary Visitor Center

Equipment Assigned: 23 engines, 8 helicopters and multiple shared resources

Cooperating Agencies: Resources from Flathead National Forest, Glacier County, East Glacier, Babb, St. Mary, Cutbank, Evergreen, and West Valley Fire Departments, Blackfoot Fire Management, Montana Department of Natural Resources, Flathead County, as well as Glacier County and Montana Disaster & Emergency Services are assisting Glacier National Park.

Cause: Under investigation

Structures Lost: 1 (Baring Creek historic patrol cabin)

Yesterday's actions: The cloud cover and the rain throughout the day subdued the fire. Crews continued building fire line in the area above Going-to-the Sun Road on the west end of the fire and mopped up hot spots within the perimeter. Helicopters flew limited missions due to the weather. Structural protection continued at Rising Sun with firefighters dropping hazard trees and clearing debris in adjacent areas.

Today's planned actions: Firefighters are prepared for increased fire activity due to today's predicted higher temperatures and lower humidity. Crews have completed line on the southwest edge of the fire. They will extinguish hot spots 100 feet from the fire perimeter. On the northeast end of the fire, firefighters are continuing to build line and assess potential areas for fire spread. Helicopters will support crews with water drops as needed. Hazard tree and debris removal continues along Going-to-the-Sun Road. Structural protection is still in place in the Rising Sun area.

Closures: The Going-to-the-Sun Road is closed from just beyond the St. Mary Visitor Center on the east side and Big Bend on the west side, a distance of 18 miles. Additionally, the St. Mary Campground, the Rising Sun Motor Inn, the Rising Sun Campground and Logan Pass are still closed to the public.

Openings: The St. Mary Visitor Center has re-opened with hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with limited services. The Sperry Trail is open from Lake McDonald Lodge to Gunsight Pass. Any travel beyond the pass is closed due to fire activity. The Lake Ellen Wilson Backcountry site is also open.

The majority of Glacier National Park remains open, and excellent recreation opportunities abound. Information on current park activities can be found at, www.nps.gov/glac, [Facebook.com/GlacierNPS](https://www.facebook.com/GlacierNPS), twitter.com/glaciernps, or [flickr.com/photos/glaciernps](https://www.flickr.com/photos/glaciernps). Additionally, current conditions can be viewed on park webcams at: <http://www.nps.gov/glac/learn/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm>.