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### Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 28, 2015 8:00 p.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:** 56%  
**Personnel Assigned:** 670, including 8 Interagency Hotshot crews, 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, 7 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, Blackfeet 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:** 2

**Today's actions:** Higher relative humidity aided firefighters today as a warm trend began to push into the area this afternoon. As a result, fire behavior was more active, however crews were able to make good progress on the northeast edge of the fire. Crews on other parts of the fire continued to find and extinguish hot spots. Aerial resources were assisting in the efforts today. Helicopters have delivered over one million gallons of water to the fire to date.

**Tomorrow's planned actions:** Incident meteorologist has issued a red flag warning for the fire area due to a lower relative humidity. Firefighters will prepare for increased fire activity in the afternoon as the temperatures rise and humidity lowers. Public access from St Mary campground to Logan Pass will remain closed to insure firefighter and public safety. Crews will continue to work along this stretch of road; cutting hazard trees, chipping brush, and extinguishing hot spots.

**Closures:** The Going-to-the-Sun Road is closed from just beyond the St. Mary Visitor Center on the east side to Big Bend on the west side, a distance of 18 miles. The St. Mary Campground remains closed until July 29. The Rising Sun Motor Inn and the Rising Sun Campground also remain closed.

**Openings:** The Going-to-the-Sun Road is planned to be open to Logan Pass from the west side of Glacier National Park tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29. Visitors should expect delays and congestion along the road. The St. Mary campground will re-open on Wednesday, July 29. 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](http://www.nps.gov/glac), [Facebook.com/GlacierNPS](https://www.facebook.com/GlacierNPS), [twitter.com/glaciernps](https://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>.