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Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 29, 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:** 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

Yesterday's actions: Higher relative humidity aided firefighters yesterday as a warm trend pushed into the area in the 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 with aerial resources assisting. Helicopters have delivered over 1 million gallons of water to the fire to date.

Today's actions: A red flag warning for the fire area has been issued due to lower relative humidity. Pockets of unburned areas have the potential to be active today. Firefighters will prepare for increased fire activity in the afternoon as the temperatures rise and humidity lowers. Crews will continue to build hand line around the northeast edge of the fire. Firefighters have completed line around the southwest edge of the fire and will continue to secure and monitor this area. Public access beyond the St. Mary campground to Logan Pass will remain closed to insure firefighter and public safety. Crews will continue to work along this stretch of Going-to-the-Sun 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 Campground on the east side to Logan Pass on the west side. The Rising Sun Motor Inn and the Rising Sun Campground also remain closed.

Openings: The Going-to-the-Sun Road is planned to open up to Logan Pass from the west side of Glacier National Park today, Wednesday, July 29. Visitors should expect delays and congestion along the road. The St. Mary Campground will re-open today, Wednesday, July 29. The St. Mary Visitor Center has re-opened with hours from 8 a.m. to 6 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>.