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### Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 29, 2015 9:00 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:** 63%  
**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

#### **Businesses remain open at St. Mary, Montana. St Mary Visitor Center and campground are also open.**

**Today's actions:** Fire behavior increased on the fire today as the relative humidity dropped and the temperatures rose. Smoke was more visible from the interior of the fire as pockets of unburned fuels began to burn. Firefighters continued to secure and monitor the containment lines on the perimeters of the fire. Water is being pumped from the road into the fire area to assist the firefighters during fire line construction and extinguishing the hot spots. Helicopters also assisted the crews in their efforts in securing the perimeter of the fire. Crews are cutting, chipping and hauling off brush and trees from Going-to-the-Sun Road corridor. Public access beyond the St. Mary campground to Logan Pass will remain closed to insure firefighter and public safety.

**Tomorrow's actions:** Crews will begin to build line along the north east corner to secure the fire line. Crews will continue mop-up operations on the west side of the fire securing the containment line. Firefighters will continue hazard removal operations along Going-to-the-Sun Road. The warmer and dryer trend will continue tomorrow with lower wind speeds.

**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 opened to Logan Pass from the west side of Glacier National Park today, Wednesday, July 29. Visitors should continue to expect delays and congestion along the road. The Red Eagle drainage is open for hiking access to Red Eagle Lake, Triple Divide and the beaver ponds. 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 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>.