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Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 30, 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:** 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: 20 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 along the eastern border of Glacier National Park. St. Mary Visitor Center and campground are also open.

Yesterday's actions: Fire behavior increased yesterday as relative humidity dropped and temperatures rose. Smoke was more visible from the interior of the fire as pockets of unburned fuels burned. Firefighters continued to secure and monitor containment lines on the perimeters of the fire. Water was pumped into the fire area to assist crews as they constructed fire line and extinguished hot spots. Helicopters assisted firefighters in their efforts to secure the perimeter of the fire. Crews also cut, chipped, and hauled off brush and trees from the Going-to-the-Sun Road corridor.

Today's actions: Warmer and dryer temperatures with lower wind speeds are expected today. Crews will work to secure line along the fire's north east corner. Mop-up operations on the west side of the fire will continue. Firefighters are continuing hazard removal operations along Going-to-the-Sun Road and structural protection at Rising Sun.

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 on 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 Gunsight 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, [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>.