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### Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

July 31, 2015 8:00 p.m.

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>  
Fire Information Hotline: (406)732-7791

#### Facts at a Glance

**Size:** 3,342 acres      **Date Started:** 07/21/2015      **Percent Containment:** 63%  
**Personnel Assigned:** 520, including eight Interagency Hotshot crews, five 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:** 12 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      **Cost:** \$7.25 Million

**\*A community meeting will be held at the St. Mary Lodge tomorrow, Saturday, August 1, 6-7 p.m.\***

**Today's actions:** At the Gratitude for Glacier Concert, Jack Gladstone and Philip Aaberg entertained firefighters Thursday evening. Fire burned actively into the rocks in Rose Creek and Two Dog drainages, today. These drainages are located north of the fire's northern perimeter. They were allowed to burn, reducing the amount of fuel that could compromise the established fire line to the east. In other sections of the fire, pockets of unburned fuel within the perimeter of the fire were active. Firefighters worked containing spot-fires in the Two Dog Flats area. Helicopters were instrumental today in support of the fire suppression activities. Turn-around time for the helicopters has been approximately four minutes, enabling them to dump the water on a hot spot and return in less than five minutes.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road remains closed from the St. Mary Campground to Logan Pass on the east side of the park. The road corridor continues to be a hazardous area: trees and rolling debris continued to stop firefighters from freely moving from one location to another; the fire burned actively adjacent to the road, burning through the previously unburned fuel; and smoke was dense throughout the stretch of road within the fire perimeter.

**Closures:** The Rising Sun Motor Inn and the Rising Sun Campground remain closed. The Going-to-the-Sun Road remains closed from the St. Mary Campground to Logan Pass on the east side of the park.

**Openings:** Going-to-the-Sun Road is open to Logan Pass from the west side of the park. 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.

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>.

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