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## Glacier National Park Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>

August 2, 2015 8:00 a.m.

### Facts at a Glance

**Size:** 3,558 acres      **Date Started:** 07/21/2015      **Percent Containment:** 65%  
**Personnel Assigned:** 515, including eight Interagency Hotshot crews, five 20-person hand crews, and other various personnel  
**Location:** Approximately six miles east of Logan Pass, four miles west of St. Mary Visitor Center  
**Equipment Assigned:** 12 engines, seven 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:** \$7.8 Million

### Fire information line (406)732-7791 is transitioning to the general Glacier National Park information line.

**Today's actions:** Another red flag warning was issued today. Black areas that burned previously are re-burning due to multiple days of very low relative humidity and high winds. Fire and smoke will be visible in the burned area and up Rose Creek Drainage until a season-ending event (for example the first snow of the season).

Additionally green islands of unburned fuel have the potential to be active. Crews will secure containment lines along the fire's north east edge. Firefighters continue extinguishing hot spots and limiting the potential fire spread a crossed containment lines using water and hand tools. Spot fires outside the containment lines will be suppressed by firefighters and helicopters.

The road corridor continues to be a hazardous area. The fire is still burning in close proximity to the road. Unburned trees near the road remain and have the potential to burn. Additional, twenty-five to thirty fire weakened trees were identified adjacent to the road that will need to be removed.

Wildlife has been returning to the burned area. Firefighters have seen elk, bear, coyotes, moose, deer and various small animals.

**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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