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Glacier National Park Reynolds Creek Fire Media Release August 5, 2015 8:00 a.m.

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Facts at a Glance

Size: 3,913 acres **Date Started:** 07/21/2015 **Percent Containment:** 67%
Personnel Assigned: 440, 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: seven engines, six 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:** \$9.2 Million

Today's actions: Cooler temperatures are expected today, with possible thunderstorms in the afternoon. These thunderstorms will bring sustained winds and little chance of precipitation. Isolated active burning is expected to continue as heat adjacent to or within unburned islands ignites fuels within the fire perimeter. Helicopters will assist crews in their efforts.

Fire managers are feeling more confident in the security of the perimeter fire lines. As a result, three Hotshot crews plus additional resources will be reassigned to the Going-to-the-Sun road. Crews will concentrate on removing hazards and extinguishing hot spots adjacent to the road.

As firefighters are now able to focus more resources along Going to the Sun road, there is an expectation that the road will reopen sometime during this summer season as soon as it is safe for public travel. This remains a major priority for Glacier National Park. All businesses are open in St Mary to provide a variety of services for summer vacationers.

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 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, [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>.

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