

Thompson-Divide Complex

Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team
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Daily Fact Sheet Sept. 6, 8:00 a.m.



This is the Final Fact Sheet for the Thompson-Divide Complex from Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team Leach.

Fire Information: (406) 314-1669, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Link to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4468/>

Fire Complex Completed: 72% **Injuries:** 1 **Structures Lost:** None
Resources - Total Personnel: 110 **20-Person Hand Crew:** 1 Type-2 **Air Support:** 1 Type-3 Helicopter **Engines:** 2
Cause of Fires: All three fires have been determined to be lightning caused.

The Thompson-Divide Complex consists of the Sheep and Granite Fires in the Flathead National Forest and the Thompson Fire in Glacier National Park.

All travel restrictions on U.S. Highway 2 related to the fires have been lifted. Motorists are cautioned to still drive carefully because fire traffic are still using this route for rehabilitation efforts.

Stage I Fire Restrictions are in effect for Glacier National Park and Flathead National Forest, except wilderness areas. Stage I Restrictions allow for campfires only in designated fire rings. All fire restrictions have been dropped in the Flathead National Forest Wilderness areas.

Closures are in effect for some trails and areas in the vicinity of the fires. Cutbank Pass and Nyack area trails remain closed. For more information on Glacier NP closures, see <http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/hikingthetrails.htm> or call (406) 888-7800. An area closure around the Sheep and Granite fires on the Flathead National Forest is in effect. Call Hungry Horse Ranger District (406) 387-3800 or go to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4468/28364/> for details.

The Thompson-Divide Complex received more than an inch of rain in some areas over the past two days and some snow at elevations above 6,000 ft. Today temperatures will be 45-55. Rain will decrease during the day with fog and low clouds persisting. Winds will pick up today to 10-15 mph, gusting up to 20. Weather is predicted to return to average temperatures and begin drying mid-week. If this occurs, fire activity inside the perimeters may increase with some burning of interior unburned fuels and smoke later in the week.

Management of the Thompson-Divide Complex is transferring from the Northern Rockies Type II IMT to a local Type III team on Monday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. The Type III team will be located at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station and will continue to monitor all three fires for any fire activity and complete needed rehabilitation.

Sheep Fire, Flathead National Forest

Approximate Size: 2,171 acres **Structures Lost:** None

Granite Fire, Flathead National Forest

Approximate Size: 913 acres **Structures Lost:** None

Thompson Fire, Glacier National Park

Approximate Size: 18,847 acres **Structures Lost:** None

The Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team Leach thanks the community, our partners and cooperators for all their support and assistance during this incident.

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