



ALICE CREEK FIRE

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Alice Creek Fire exhibits extreme fire behavior – forces Lewis and Clark County Sheriff to issue new Evacuation and Pre-evacuation Notices

AUGUSTA, MT – This evening at approximately 9 p.m., wind gusts peaked to 47mph, creating extreme fire behavior on the eastern and southern flanks of the Alice Creek Fire. These winds forced the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff to issue evacuation notices for approximately eight homes on the north and south side of Highway 200 from Elk Meadows, east to the South Fork of the Dearborn River.

By 11:30 p.m., the fire had slowed in the grass valley bottom and was moving towards Highway 200 on the east side of Roger's Pass, between mile marker 92 to approximately mile marker 98. Engine and hand crews are extinguishing the grass fire tonight and will evaluate hot spots in the morning after an infrared flight and light can provide more information.

On the south western flank of the fire, these same conditions also sparked a **pre-evacuation notice** for the Alice Creek Basin and Tom's Gulch areas. The Fire became very active in Wildcat Gulch (section 16 and 17), approximately 14 miles northeast of Lincoln, Montana. There is one active ranch and approximately 10 cabins affected by the pre-evacuation order.

As of 12:30 a.m. there have not been any injuries or notifications of burned structures.

A Red Cross Shelter is open at the Wolf Creek Elementary School (150 Walsh St, Wolf Creek, MT).

A Red Flag Warning remains in effect through 9 p.m. Monday, September 4 for very dry and windy conditions. Incident meteorologists are forecasting erratic wind gusts near 30 mph, very much like conditions seen Saturday.

For tips on how can prepare your home and family for an evacuation, visit: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Pre-Evacuation-Preparation/>

To sign up to receive emergency notification messages from the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff, If interested in signing up for emergency notifications, sign up for Smart911 at:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>

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