



# ALICE CREEK FIRE

## FIRE INFORMATION FACT SHEET

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September 3, 2017 10:00 p.m.

### FACT SHEET

**DATE OF DETECTION:** Saturday, July 22, 2017

**CAUSE:** Lightning

**CURRENT \*ESTIMATED\* SIZE:** 11,593 acres

**CONTAINMENT:** 5%

**Great Basin Team 5 is hosting a community meeting in Augusta Monday night at 6p.m. at the Augusta School to deliver a update on the Alice Creek Fire. All are welcome to attend.**

- Red flag conditions will prevail through Monday. These conditions are for critically dry, hot windy weather. A dry cold front will move into the area at approximately 10 p.m. tonight. The front will bring a northwest, north and northeastern wind direction shift. Winds gusts may reach 45 mph for about an hour while the front passes. Winds will then be from the northeast the rest of the night. These winds will move the fire in a southeasterly direction.
- Fire activity began increasing at approximately 5:30 today. The fire came across Alice Creek in section 22 and burned to the Trailhead. It is burning in Wildcat Ridge, Tom's Gulch and moving towards the Scapegoat Wilderness. Along the northern flank in East Fork Falls Creek, the fire pushed against Falls Creek Ridge, southwest of Sugarloaf Mountain. Across the eastern flank near Sunset and Sunrise Hills, aviation assets dropped water most of the day, minimizing fire behavior. On the southeastern flank, the fire is staying within the existing burn area in South Green Creek.
- A structure protection plan is in place for the entire eastern area. This includes the Little Skunk Creek, and Hardgrove Creek Areas.
- Two additional hand crews and three medium helicopters capable of delivering water and transporting people are on loan to the Fire from neighboring incidents. These resources are being shared due to the very high demand for them on other area fires.
- A night shift is keeping eyes on the fire overnight and county, state, federal and volunteer firefighters are coordinating efforts to take action where necessary.
- A dozer is constructing containment line in Little and Big Skunk Creeks tonight to stop the fire's growth Southwest of Sugarloaf Mountain.
- Highway 200 remains closed due to fire activity. Lewis and Clark County Sheriff and MT Department of Transportation will open it as soon as it is safe to do so.
- The Forest expanded the area closure today as a result of the aggressive and widespread fire activity occurring across the Forest. This closure includes all roads, trails, and lands north of Highway 200 on the Lincoln Ranger District Boundary. A map of the Closure Order can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5410/39087/>
- **EVACUATIONS/ PRE-EVACUATIONS:** Both sides of Highway 200, south of Highway 434, from mile marker 92 through mile marker 100, extending east to the South Fork of the Dearborn River. Residences in the Elk Meadows (Evergreen) subdivision and ranches on Road 434/435 (north of Highway 200) remain evacuated.
- The Alice Creek Basin and Tom's Gulch area **are pre-evacuated**. The Dearborn Canyon residents have NOT received a pre-evacuation notice; however, they should be ready to leave, should conditions change rapidly.
- To sign up to receive emergency notification messages from the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff, register for Smart911 at: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>

#### RESOURCES:

- Personnel: 210 Crews: 3 Engines: 19 Skidgens: 3 Dozers: 4 Helicopters: 3

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