



Gibraltar Ridge Fire

Final Fact Sheet

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Phone: **NEW PHONE NUMBER STARTING TODAY (406) 272-2082**

Location: 7 miles east of Eureka, MT

Incident Command: Type 2 Incident Management Team, Rick Connell, I.C.

Fire Size: 3,624

Containment: 52%

Fire Personnel: 206

Current Status: Firefighters completed burning operations on August 21st on the south side of the fire. A combination of aerial and hand ignition brought the fire downhill and to the shaded fuels break along Foothills and Grave Creek Roads. Eighteen miles of shaded fuels break exists along the Foothills/Sinclair and Grave Creek Roads. Mop up work has been ongoing and the focus on August 21 and 22 resulting in 41% containment to date. Mop up is where firefighters seek out and suppress any residual heat sources. The shaded fuels break and log hauling work has been completed and so that equipment has been moved off the fire line.

Planned Actions: Today, a Type 3 Incident Management Team led by R J McDole is shadowing the Type 2 Team and will assume command of the fire at 6pm. The north side of the fire remains in rugged terrain but has moved very little over the past two weeks. The Type 3 organization will continue to patrol, monitor, and mop up where needed along the fire line and continue to monitor the north side of fire. Residents should expect to see smoke from the fire area for many weeks.

The area remains very dry, recreationalists and home owners need to follow the Stage II Fire Restrictions and behaviors to prevent wildfires.

Weather Forecast: The area remains in a drying trend. August 23 will start out under the influence of a ridge of high pressure, but the ridge will break down tonight. Expect increasing southwest winds in the late afternoon and evening, with the potential for showers and thunderstorms overnight. Maximum temperatures 85-90 degrees with minimum humidity 16-21%. Winds will be southwest at 8 mph and gusts up to 15 mph.

Evacuations: An Evacuation Warning remains in effect for the Sherman Creek, Griffith Creek, Therriault Pass Road, and Stevens Creek areas. A Pre-Evacuation Warning remains in effect for the Glen Lake and Sinclair Creek (south/east of West Road) area. Residents are reminded to be prepared with a plan for evacuation including what you need to bring with you in the event of an evacuation.

Closures: Grave Creek Road and the Ten Lakes recreation area remain closed beginning at the junction of Grave Creek and Foothills Roads. Lincoln County remains in Stage II Fire Restrictions.

Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service (Jurisdiction), Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Emergency Management Services, Eureka Volunteer Fire Department, Trego-Fortine-Stryker Volunteer Fire Department.