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**Gibraltar
Ridge Fire
August 28, 2017**



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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5474/>

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Incident: Lightning caused fire, seven miles east of Eureka, MT

Incident Command: RJ McDole, Incident Commander, and Jason Sunell, Incident Commander Trainee, Type 3 Incident Management Team

Current Size: 5,112 acres estimate

Containment: 27%

Current Resources: Crews: 1, Engines: 10, Helicopters: 1, Dozers: 1, Water Tenders: 3, Total Personnel: 87

Current Situation:

Weather conditions today are expected to be hot and very dry with the high pressure and unstable conditions. The inversion should break mid-day causing fuels to dry out and fire activity to increase. Fire behavior will be moderate. Spot fires and tree torching are probable, with spotting possible up to 0.2 miles away. Expect group tree torching with the fire to continue to back down slopes. South West and upslope winds will keep spotting to the north and east away from structures on the western fire line.

Fire managers conducted a burn operation yesterday with the aid of helicopter ignition along the west side of Grave Creek Road to tie the existing fire edge to the road. The night crew continued mop up along the containment lines and monitored the earlier burnout along Grave Creek Rd. Today the hand crew will finish the burn out along Graves Ck. road up to Cat Creek and continue to mop up the fire perimeter. This includes felling snags and stabilizing logs that could roll and spread fire, and extinguishing hot spots. Helicopter water drops will be used as needed to cool hotspots found inside and outside the containment lines.

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 to the public beginning at the junction of Grave Creek and Foothills Roads. **Recreationists must observe these closures for their own safety and the safety of firefighters using the roads.**

Due to the high fire danger, Lincoln County remains in Stage II Fire Restrictions.

