

Fact Sheet

8:00 AM

Gibraltar Ridge Fire and Caribou Fire September 2, 2017



Fire Information Line: 406-272-2082

Location: Gibraltar Fire is located seven miles east of Eureka, MT **Current Size:** 6,657 Acres
Cause: Lightning **Containment:** 27% **Personnel:** 81
Email: GibraltarRidgeFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5474/>

Location: Caribou Fire is located 21 miles northwest of Eureka, MT **Current Size:** 6,781 Acres
Cause: Lightning **Containment:** 0% **Personnel:** 100
Email: CaribouFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5539/>

Caribou Fire continues eastward progression; another active fire day expected.

CARIBOU FIRE COMMUNITY MEETING TODAY 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY OF WEST KOOTENAI, KOOTENAI STORE DECK

Weather: Windy, warmer and dryer weather will persist through the weekend.

Gibraltar Ridge Fire: Temperatures are predicted to increase with low humidity resulting in increased fire behavior through the weekend. Crews will continue to mop-up, patrol and monitor the west, south and east sides of the fire. A helicopter dropped water on the ridge north of Williams Creek to slow fire progression. Heavy equipment will continue working in Williams Creek to slow the fire backing down into the creek area.

Gibraltar Ridge Evacuations: The Lincoln County Sheriff and the IMT evaluate the need for evacuations on a daily basis. A Pre-Evacuation Warning remains in effect for the Sherman Creek, Griffith Creek, Therriault Pass Road, Stevens Creek, Glen Lake and Sinclair Creek (south/east of West Road) areas.

Gibraltar Ridge Closures: Grave Creek Road and the Ten Lakes Recreation area are closed above the Grave Creek/Foothills Road junction. Closure orders and maps under the “Closures” tab on Inciweb.

Caribou Fire: The fire continued east toward Forest Road 303 activating a Pre-Evacuation Warning for all areas of W. Kootenai. Approximately 400 structures are threatened. Crews are working with heavy equipment along Road 303, north of Young’s Creek. Structure protection assessment will begin today for West Kootenai starting with the Spring Creek area. Residents can expect to see fire personnel and engines in the area.

Pearson’s Team and the Canadian fire managers are working in close coordination with fire-line implementation and population evacuation planning as the fire continues to move north and northeast.

With the limited resources available, fire managers are strategically implementing actions where they would be most effective. Firefighters will disengage if conditions compromise their safety.

Caribou Evacuations: Pre-Evacuation Warning for all areas in West Kootenai (issued September 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm).

Caribou Fire Closures: Basin Yaak Road to Dodge Summit including Caribou Creek Campground are closed. Closure orders and maps under the “Closures” tab on Inciweb.

Resources Threatened for both fires: Private property, structures, historic resources, recreational resources, timber, terrestrial and aquatic habitats and fall hunting.

Fire Restrictions: Lincoln County and the Kootenai National Forest are in Stage II Fire Restrictions due to Extreme Fire Danger. For information on fire restrictions, please visit firerestrictions.us