

Fact Sheet

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Caribou Fire Gibraltar Ridge Fire Weasel Fire September 15, 2017



Fire Information Line: 406-272-2082

* Estimated acres, no infrared

Location: Caribou Fire located 21 miles northwest of Eureka, MT **Current Size: *24,177 Total Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 50%*** **Personnel: 332** **United States: *21,527** **Canada: *2,650**
Email: CaribouFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5539/>

Location: Gibraltar Ridge Fire located seven miles east of Eureka, MT **Current Size: *12,725 Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 27%** **Personnel: 48**
Email: GibraltarRidgeFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5474/>

Location: Weasel Fire located 17 miles northeast of Eureka, MT **Current Size: *3,925 Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 0%** **Personnel: 0**

Colder Temperatures Friday, Minimal Fire Activity

Caribou Fire: Mop-up continues along the east and southeast side of the fire. Firefighters and equipment operators completed fireline construction and are mopping up along the north side of Marias Mountain. Fireline construction is nearing completion on the southwest side of the fire. Log hauling operations were completed in the Blacktail Creek area. Chipping and slash cleanup will continue along the Yaak River Road (Forest Road 92).

Caribou Evacuations: The Pre-Evacuation Warning has been lifted by the Lincoln County Sheriff for West Kootenai North and South, Spring Creek, Dodge Creek, and Basin Creek effective at 9 am today.

Caribou Fire Closures: A Closure Order remains in place for the Caribou Fire. Closure Orders and maps under the “Closures” tab on Inciweb.

Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held on Friday, 9/15 at the West Kootenai Store from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Gibraltar Ridge Fire: Slash removal from brushing operations and chipping will continue along the Grave Creek Road. Crews will remain in the area to patrol and mop-up hot spots. The fire made minimal movement down the Whale Creek drainage on the Flathead National Forest (FNF). FNF fire crews have wrapped the Ninko cabin, cleared out timber around the cabin and continue to implement structure protection operations.

Gibraltar Ridge Evacuations: The Pre-Evacuation Warning has been lifted by the Lincoln County for the Sherman Creek, Griffith Creek, Therriault Pass Road, Stevens Creek, Glen Lake and Sinclair Creek (south/east of West Road) areas, effective at 9 am today.

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.

Weasel Fire: The fire has been slowly progressing along the northwest flank of Tuchuck Mountain. Subalpine Fir stands and heavy brush are contributing to the fire spread flanking both sides of Weasel Lake. The Weasel Cabin and dock are wrapped with fire resistant material. No private property or structures are threatened.

Weather: Cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and northeast winds are in the forecast today. Cooler air will decrease temperatures to the 50s in the mountains and relative humidity will increase to 35-45%. Winds will be 10-15 mph on the ridgetops and 5-10 mph on the slope and valley bottom.

Resources Threatened: Private property, structures, historic resources, recreational resources, timber, terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

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