

Fact Sheet
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Caribou Fire
Gibraltar Ridge Fire
Weasel Fire
September 11, 2017



Fire Information Line: 406-272-2082

Location: Caribou Fire located 21 miles northwest of Eureka, MT **Current Size: 22,388 Total Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 25%** **Personnel: 385** **United States: 19,880** **Canada: 2,508**
Email: CaribouFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5539/>

Location: Gibraltar Ridge Fire located seven miles east of Eureka, MT **Current Size: 8,932 Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 27%** **Personnel: 65**
Email: GibraltarRidgeFire2017@gmail.com **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5474/>

Location: Weasel Fire located 17 miles northeast of Eureka, MT **Current Size: 869 Acres**
Cause: Lightning **Containment: 0%** **Personnel: 0**

Gibraltar Ridge Fire Pushes South and East, Red Flag Warning Today

Caribou Fire: Yesterday, firefighters focused on the south and southwest side of the fire continuing fireline construction and engaging direct attack when possible near Lime Creek. Heavy equipment and crews continued building fireline along the north side of Marias Mountain into the South Fork of Young Creek and Blacktail Creek area.

Today, Firefighters and equipment operators will continue building fireline along the north side of Marias Mountain and from Young Creek west towards Lime Creek. On the west side of the fire, heavy equipment is working on indirect line using existing roads in the Blacktail Creek area to the Canadian border.

Caribou Evacuations: All areas in West Kootenai remain in Pre-Evacuation Warning. This includes West Kootenai North and South of Tooley Lake, Spring Creek, Dodge Creek, and Basin Creek.

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

Gibraltar Ridge Fire: The fire progressed south along Williams Creek toward Locke, Mountain. Fire managers will evaluate fire activity in the area and use helicopters or aircraft to check fire growth. Crews continue prepping Grave Creek Road and will remain in the area to patrol and mop up hot spots.

Gibraltar Ridge Evacuations: 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.

Weasel Fire: Fire managers were able to view the fire yesterday and will continue evaluating staffing needs. The fire is burning northeast through thick Subalpine fir toward Tuchuck Mountain. No private property or structures are threatened; Forest Service Weasel Cabin and dock had been wrapped ahead of yesterday’s fire spread.

Weather: Critical fire weather day. **Red Flag Warning issued from noon today to midnight.** Hotter and dryer with southwest winds with the potential for gusts up to 20-30 mph on the ridgetops.

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