



FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Burnt Peak/South Yaak Fires



Contact Fire Information 8am-8pm: 208-296-9706 or 2021.BurntPeak@firenet.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kootenainf/>

There will be a Community Meeting on Monday, August 16, from 6 to 7 pm, at Roosevelt Park in Troy, under the pavilion near the fishpond. The event will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Weather - High temperatures, low humidity, and increasing winds from the southwest can be expected today. Some relief should come by Monday with cloud cover and somewhat cooler temperatures. Smoke may disperse due to shifting winds. Refer to <https://www.airnow.gov/Troy> for information on air quality in the Troy and Libby areas.

Increased fire behavior is expected today. Firefighters continue looking for opportunities to build direct containment lines when it is safe to do so in the steep terrain and dense forest conditions.

Burnt Peak Fire

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7619/>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Containment	Crews	Helicopters	Engine	Heavy Equipment	Personnel
7/7	Lightning	3,777 acres	36%	1	2	3	16	146

The fire was active in the Benning Creek drainage yesterday, crossing the east fork and advancing toward the 4542 Road. Today, firefighters will be reinforcing the road to slow spread to the west. The north edge continued to back down the slope toward North Fork Keeler Creek where firefighters are prepared to hold the fire at 404C Road. Along Callahan Road, crews will be placing pumps and hose lays for future use. As the hot and dry weather continues through today, the uncontained fire perimeter may expand toward the north.

Evacuations — Residences in North Fork Keeler Creek are on pre-evacuation notice.

South Yaak Fire

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7696/>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Heavy Equipment	Personnel
7/13	Lightning	10,713 acres	50%	2	10	5	21	241

On Saturday firefighters worked directly on several areas of the fire, securing containment east of Kilbrennan Lake Road and constructing handline towards the east up Prospect Creek. The north edge of the fire below Gunsight Mountain experienced increased burning yesterday, as well as the area above Arbo Creek. Progress was made in opening the 2380 Road to North Fork O'Brien Creek on the northeast side of the fire, where firefighters plan to continue constructing hand line up Prospect Creek today. Patrol and mop up of hot spots will continue along roads and containment lines.

Evacuations — Residences on Eastside Road, Kilbrennan Lake Road, Seventeen Mile Creek, and Sylvanite are on pre-evacuation notice. All residents should be ready to leave if evacuations become necessary. These area roads are not open to the public.

Closures — The Three Rivers Ranger District has several areas, roads, and trails closed or restricted for public safety due to fire management activities related to the Burnt Peak and South Yaak fires. Please refer to the Kootenai National Forest web page to view the closure orders and maps at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kootenai/alerts-notice>.