

# Fact Sheet

## Cinnabar Fire 9/3/2020



**Fire Information Line:** 406-356-6235

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**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7063/>

**Facebook:** [Lolo National Forest](#)

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**Start date:** August 19th

**Location:** Welcome Creek Wilderness, Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Granite County

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Personnel:** 252

**Current Size:** 2,124 acres

**Containment:** 0%

**Resources Assigned:** Northern Rockies Team Seven, a Type II Incident Management Team is currently managing the incident. Resources assigned to the incident include: 3 initial attack crews, 3 engines, 5 aircraft, 5 water tenders and several pieces of heavy equipment.

**Current Status:** Despite critical fire weather yesterday, the Cinnabar Fire did not exhibit significant growth. Fire activity remained minimal with isolated smoldering and creeping in the understory and heavier downed fuels. To the west of the fire, firefighters and heavy equipment operators worked to extend and complete a section of indirect line. A hotshot crew cleared a path of indirect handline working to connect the fire's northern and western edges. Structure surveys have been completed in the Rock Creek drainage.

**Planned Actions:** Work will continue to connect indirect lines utilizing hand crews and heavy equipment. Firefighters will be clearing fuels left from heavy equipment along roads used as indirect lines to the west and south of the fire. The Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) will be used again to collect data over the fire area.

**Weather:** The warm and dry trend continues today with sunshine and temperatures in the fire area expected around 70-72 degrees and light winds from the west about 5 MPH.

**Closures:** An emergency closure is in place for National Forest System lands on the Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, and Stevensville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest. The closure includes the entire Welcome Creek Wilderness and additional roads and trails adjacent to the Wilderness for public and firefighter safety. For the current closure and map visit [Inciweb](#). **The Rock Creek Road #102 corridor and recreation access remains open.**

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