



Holter Complex

Friday, September 4, 2015

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Website: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4595/>

Start Date: Sunday, August 30th **Size:** 748 acres
Type of Incident: Wildfire **Containment:** 75%
Cause: Lightning **Protection:** MT DNRC
Ownership: Private and State **Injuries:** 2
Location: 5 miles E of Wolf Creek, L&C County, MT



Resources Assigned

Engines: 15	Hand Crews: 5	Smokejumpers: 8	Bulldozers: 1
Air Tankers: Available	Helicopters: Available	Water Tenders: 2	
Overhead Personnel: 38	Total Personnel: 244		

Current Situation

Today's Activities: Crews will take advantage of cooler conditions and moisture as they reinforce existing fireline and mop-up 200 feet in from the fires perimeter. It is important today for firefighters to knock down interior heat as dry conditions are forecasted next week.

The Incident Commander and Sheriff's Office have lifted the evacuation and closure orders. Residents and recreationalists are allowed back in the area. Beartooth Road, Holter Lake Campground, Log Gulch Campground, Departure Point Campground, Beartooth Wildlife Management Area and Holter Lake are all open.

Overview: Yesterday fire crews took advantage of the cooler weather and made good progress. The predicted winds did not develop which gave crews good working conditions to complete given tasks. Containment lines are in place on the northeast side of the fire with minimal smoke and hot spots.

The Bray Fire and Timber Hills Fires were reported Sunday afternoon. The Bray Fire is 5 miles E of Wolf Creek, MT. The Timber Hills Fire is near Craig, MT, approximately 5 acres and 100% contained. Both fires are in steep rugged terrain with the primary vegetation being timber and grass.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton, assumed command of fire Monday morning. The team is implementing a full suppression strategy to put the fire out as safely and quickly as possible.

Safety Message: Please use extra caution on Beartooth Road as fire traffic will be entering and exiting the area. It is important not to stop or block roadways.

Cooperating Agencies

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Lewis and Clark County, Wolf Creek/Craig Volunteer Fire Service Area, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and Montana Highway Patrol.