



FACT SHEET

Bierney Creek Fire

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InciWeb: Bierney Creek Fire

What: Wildland Fire

Location: Bierney Creek, Lakeside, Montana

Started: August 22, 2016 about 4pm

Current Size: ~80 Acres

Containment: 0%

Jurisdiction: DNRC & Somers Fire Department

Cause: Under Investigation

Narrative: The Bierney Creek Fire was reported yesterday afternoon around 4pm. High winds and low relative humidity led to active fire behavior and high rates of fire spread. Initial attack engines and aerial resources, including heavy tankers and helicopters, worked into the evening to slow the fire with retardant and water drops. Several engines were on scene through the night. The fire held through the night with minimal fire behavior.

An IR (Infrared) flight last night showed numerous spot fires outside of the main fire. These spot fires will be one of the primary targets for today's suppression resources.

Strategies: This fire is being managed with full suppression with direct perimeter control.

Resources on Fire: Cooperating interagency resources for today include: 1 20-person Type 1 Crew (Flathead Interagency Hotshot Crew), 1 20-person Type 2 crew (with an additional 20-person crew ordered), 2 dozers, 6 engines, 1 Type 1 Kmax helicopter, and overhead.

Agencies Involved: Flathead County Fire Departments, Montana DNRC, and Flathead National Forest.

Notices:

- While there are no mandatory evacuations at this time, people in the Bierney Creek area should be aware of the possibility of evacuation. Evacuations are coordinated by the Flathead County Sheriff's Department and will be communicated as conditions change.
- There is no debris burning allowed from June 1 through September 30.

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