



FACT SHEET

Bierney Creek Fire

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What: Wildland Fire
Location: Bierney Creek, Lakeside, Montana
Started: August 22, 2016, 4:00pm
Current Size: ~60 Acres
Containment: Containment is 50%
Jurisdiction: DNRC & Somers Fire Department
Cause: Under Investigation



Narrative: Crews made considerable progress gridding for hot spots, mopping up, and further securing the line. High winds and active fire behavior Monday afternoon tossed embers onto the forest floor resulting in countless small spots of smoldering heat. These could quickly grow under dry or windy conditions. So while smoke was light and fire behavior was minimal on the fire, there is still heat on the ground and forest fuels available to burn.

Structure protection resources have been released and all residents who had evacuated have returned to their homes.

The Sheriff's Department is still staffing a checkpoint on the Bierney Creek Road and only residents are being allowed past that point. Please minimize all traffic and adhere to the speed limit in the Bierney Creek area as road conditions are narrow, dusty, potentially hazardous, and may impact firefighting operations.

Strategies: This fire is being managed with full suppression and direct perimeter control. Aerial resources are available if needed.

Resources on Fire: Cooperating agency resources for today included: 2 20-person Type 2 crews, 1 dozer, 9 engines, and overhead.

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

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