



## FACT SHEET

### Bierney Creek Fire

**August 26, 2016 8:00 pm**

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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 60%  
**Jurisdiction:** DNRC & Somers Fire Department  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Narrative:** Today crews continued gridding for hot spots, mopping up, and further strengthening the fireline. Fire managers are feeling confident about the work that has been completed in advance of windy conditions forecasted for the weekend.

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

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.

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: 3 20-person Type 2 crews (correction from 2), 1 dozers, 5 engines, 3 water tenders, and overhead. 2 engines are assigned to night shift.

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

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