



## FACT SHEET

### Bierney Creek Fire

**August 27, 2016 8:00 am**

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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:** Fire managers will be using an infrared camera today to locate spots on the fire that are still holding heat. Some of these hot spots are no longer emitting smoke, so it can be difficult to identify them with the naked eye. The infrared camera can detect those hot spots and convert the information into a digital image that firefighters will use to continue to cool down the burn.

Crews will continue gridding for hot spots, mopping up, and further strengthening the fireline. Fire managers are confident about the work that has been completed in advance of windy conditions forecast for today and tomorrow.

High winds and active fire behavior on 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 has been light and fire behavior minimal, 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 and contractors 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.

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

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