



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



Narrative: As firefighters continue to make solid progress on the Bierney Creek Fire, fire managers are preparing to transition from the current Type III team to a smaller Type IV management team by Tuesday, August 30th. One twenty-person crew and five engines are still mopping up and cooling down hot spots. Fire managers are confident about the work that has been completed in advance of windy conditions forecasted for Sunday.

Residents returning to property impacted by the fire are being cautioned to maintain awareness regarding snags, ash pits, and the potential for scattered hot spots and embers. The "Ready, Set, Go" evacuation strategy has been changed from "Set" to "Ready" for residents in the Bierney Creek area.

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: 1 20-person Type 2 crew, 1 dozers, 5 engines, 2 water tenders, and overhead.

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

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