



## FACT SHEET

### Bierney Creek Fire

**August 29, 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 90%  
**Jurisdiction:** DNRC & Somers Fire Department  
**Cause:** Under Investigation



**Narrative:** Today, firefighters are expected to make continued progress on the Bierney Creek Fire. One twenty-person crew and two engines will continue mop-up deeper into the interior of the fire area. Fire managers will transition from the current Type III team to a local Type IV team by this evening, August 29th. Anticipated full containment of the fire is projected by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Local residents have been inquiring about the smoke in the Flathead area. This smoke is being produced by other fires in the region, including the Copper King Fire near Thompson Falls.

Flathead County Sheriff's Department will no longer staff a checkpoint on the Bierney Creek Road. All residents are welcome to return to their homes and those who were in the "Set" stage have been downgraded to "Ready." Please continue to minimize traffic and adhere to the speed limit in the Bierney Creek area as road conditions are narrow, dusty, and potentially hazardous.

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

**Resources on fire:** Cooperating agency resources for tomorrow include: 1 20-person Type 2 IA crew and 2 engines.

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

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