



Rattlesnake Fire

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Website: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5006/>

Start Date: Thursday, September 1, 2016

Type of Incident: Wildfire **Size:** 900 acres

Cause: Lightning **Containment:** 10%

Protection: MT DNRC

Land Ownership: Private, Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish
Wildlife & Parks, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

Location: 5 miles NW of Canyon Creek, Lewis & Clark County, MT



Resources Assigned

Engines: 15

Air Tankers: Available

Overhead Personnel: 35

Hand Crews: Ordered

Helicopters: 2

Total Personnel: 87

Bulldozers: 2

Water Tenders: 4

Current Situation

Today's Activities: Cloudy conditions have moderated fire behavior; however fire personnel anticipate some fire growth today due to the predicted wind event associated with a cold front entering the area. Crews will reinforce existing fireline, mop-up where possible as well as work to dampen fire behavior and minimize fire spread in the heavier fuels found in the Rattlesnake drainage. **There are no evacuations or structures threatened at this time.**

Windy conditions are expected to diminish tomorrow, Saturday. Cooler temperatures and rain are predicted on Sunday.

Closures: Rattlesnake Gulch Road is closed. Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks has issued closures for the following areas: Canyon Creek Wildlife Management Area and the Sieben Block Management Area.

Overview: Yesterday, the fire was reported at approximately 6:15 pm. Fire crews worked overnight in an attempt to contain the blaze while experiencing erratic winds on the fireline.

The Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton, assumed command of fire Friday morning. The team is implementing a full suppression strategy to put the fire out as safely and quickly as possible.

Safety Message: Please use extra caution on Lincoln Road (Hwy 297) as fire traffic will be entering and exiting the area. It is important not to stop or block roadways.

Cooperating Agencies

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Canyon Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners & Sheriff's Office.