Mike Almas’ Type 2 Incident Management Team continues to manage the North Hills Fire.

Current Status:
Large logs and stumps may continue to smolder on the interior as the fire cools. Crews continue to widen the fireline on the northeast side while many areas are in mop up and patrol status. Suppression repair has started, meaning repair and rehabilitation of damage caused from fighting the fire.

Fire perimeters were secured on the Owl Gulch and Devil’s Tower and both are in patrol status.

Many crews are being reassigned, but firefighters, personnel and equipment do remain. The public should exercise extreme caution where crews are working so they can safely complete the work they are doing. Please drive slow and be vigilant. Do not enter burn areas as hazards may be present.

Management of the fire will transition to a Type 3 team at 6:00 am on Monday, August 5, 2019. The Incident Command Post will remain in place for now as Mike Almas’ Type 2 Incident Management Team takes over management of other fires in the area.

Resources Threatened: Resources threatened throughout the course of this fire have included private property, structures, and infrastructure in the Timber Trail area, El Dorado Heights, and American Bar. Additionally, grazing lands, recreational improvements along the Missouri River (White Sandy Campground, Black Sandy Campground), and potentially power lines in the vicinity have been at risk.

Evacuations and Closures:
The Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s office lifted all remaining evacuation orders on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

The BLM modified its closure order, but area closures remain in place around the burn. The Forest Service lifted its closure order on August 2, 2019. Campgrounds are open.

The orders are posted on InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6464/

Weather & Fuel Conditions: Clear, warm and dry conditions are expected today behind yesterday’s thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the upper-80s to low-90s with humidity around 20%. Thunderstorm activity is expected to stay south and east of the region today.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Temporary flight restrictions (TFR) have been lifted.

Announcements: Open burning is closed.