



STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
MONTANA DIVISION OF FORESTRY
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Montana Wildfire Situation Report

Monday, August 6, 2018

Preparedness Level:	Northern Rockies	3	National	5
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The Northern Rockies Geographic Area has 13 fires burning in the area, 8 are in Montana. See *Other Large Fire Incidents* section below for more information.

Hot and dry conditions will be on the rise this week with Wednesday being very hot and dry. The passing of a cold front is forecasted at the end of this week.

DNRC Fire Situation

Eastern Land Office: 15 new fires since last Monday (7 county and 6 federal).

Southern Land Office: Approximately 50 new fire starts this past week (29 county; 15-20 BIA; and 1 BLM). DNRC assisted Yellowstone County with the Medicine Man Fire.

Northeastern Land Office: 14 new county-coop fires since last Monday.

Central Land Office: 3 direct protection fires on the Helena Unit this past week; all fires were kept small. Central Land Office is working closely with partners on federal fires in their area.

Northwestern Land Office: 5 direct protection and 4 county fires. The Kootenai National Forest and CSKT currently have fires in the area (Davis, Porcupine, Tenmile, Garden, and Highway 37). See *Other Large Fire Incidents* section below for more information.

Southwestern Land Office: 5 direct protection fires this past week (1 lighting, 4 human-caused). A local fire prevention team is in place and working with media outlets to increase awareness on conditions and the importance of preventing the next wildfire.

Other Large Fire Incidents

Medicine Man (Yellowstone County) - 8 miles north of Laurel. 450 acres; 84 personnel. Burning in timber and tall grass.

Goldstone Fire (Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF) - 12 miles south of Jackson. 200 acres; 0% contained; 37 personnel assigned to the fire. Burning in closed timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated tree torching and spotting. Road, area, and trail closures in effect. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6091/> for more information.

Bacon Rind Fire (Custer/Gallatin NF) - 20 miles south of Big Sky; 488 acres; 14% contained; 65 personnel assigned to the fire. No structures are threatened. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5992/> for more information.

Brownstone (Flathead NF, Bob Marshall Wilderness) – 269 acres, 0% contained, 5 personnel on the fire.

Garden Creek Fire (Flathead Agency, BIA) - 2 miles north of Ronan, MT. 501 acres; 2% contained; 119 personnel on the fire. Burning in timber and tall grass with active fire behavior including group and isolated tree torching. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6098/> for more information.

Davis Fire (Kootenai NF) – Type 2 Incident Management Team, IC Fry, is in place, they are also managing the Porcupine Fire. The fire is located 10 miles NW of Yaak. 375 acres; 10% contained; 226 personnel currently assigned to the fire. Burning in timber with moderate fire behavior, isolated torching, backing, and creeping. Road area and trail closures are in effect. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6074/> for more information.

Porcupine Fire (Kootenai NF) – 15 miles west of Eureka, MT. 17 acres; 85% contained; 10 personnel working the fire. Burning in timber with minimal fire behavior. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6076/> for more information.

Tenmile Fire (Kootenai NF) – Type 2 Incident Management Team, IC Connell, managing the fire. 19 miles south of Eureka. 426 acres; 20% contained; 191 personnel assigned to the fire. Burning in timber with moderate fire behavior, isolated torching, short range spotting and backing. Structures, communication, and energy infrastructure threatened. Road, area, and trail closures in effect. Visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6079/> for more information.

Highway 37 Fire visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5989/> for more information.

Virginia Creek Fire visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6089/> for more information.

Fire Information

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Links to Other Information

Montana Fires on Inciweb	http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/27/
Wildfire Smoke Update	http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/smokereport/mostrecentupdate.aspx
Fire Weather Watches/Warnings	http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/weather/weather.htm
Current Fire Restrictions in Montana	Lincoln & Sanders County along with the Kootenai National Forest are in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Several counties have closed open burning or implemented a local burn ban. Visit https://firerestrictions.us/mt/ for more information.
Montana Weather	http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/weather/weather.htm
National Fire News	http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm
National Situation Report	http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf