



STATE OF MONTANA
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MONTANA DIVISION OF FORESTRY
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Montana Wildfire Situation Report Tuesday, September 6, 2022		
Preparedness Level	Northern Rockies: 3	National: 4
<p>There were 117 new fires in the Northern Rockies Geographic Area this past week for 1,581 acres. The fire preparedness level has increased not only in the Northern Rockies, but also in the Northwest and Great Basin Geographic Areas. With the increase in fire activity across the West, resources are now becoming increasingly scarce, with very low crew availability.</p>		
<p>Smoke will continue to impact Montana this week, and fire danger remains high to extreme throughout the state. Red flag warnings and fire weather watches will continue through Thursday in large portions of both central and northeastern Montana. Wednesday will be the most critical fire day of the week, with forecast record high temperatures combined with critically low relative humidity and gusty winds predicted for eastern Montana. Temperatures should begin to drop Thursday along with rising humidity.</p>		
DNRC Fire Situation		
<p>Eastern Land Office: County Coop partners responded to 5 new fires this week. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation entered Stage 1 fire restrictions.</p>		
<p>Southern Land Office: County partners responded to 15 fires this past week. Fire restrictions remain the same, with Musselshell, Treasure, Yellowstone, and Big Horn counties in stage 1 restrictions.</p>		
<p>Northeastern Land Office: Counties recorded 12 new fires this past week. Wednesday is forecast for critical fire weather prior to a cooling trend. Wheatland and Philips Counties, along with Rocky Boy Reservation, remain in stage 1 fire restrictions.</p>		
<p>Central Land Office: The DNRC and their county partners responded to 4 new fires this week. Liberty, Glacier, and Cascade Counties remain in stage 1 restrictions.</p>		
<p>Northwestern Land Office: The DNRC responded to 8 fires this past week, and ERCs remain high throughout the land office. Sanders and Lake County are in Stage 1 fire restrictions.</p>		
<p>Southwestern Land Office: The DNRC responded to 4 fires last week, with the Murray Fire being the largest at 55 acres. The CAT team has assumed management of the Murray Fire. Ravalli County remains in Stage 2 restrictions.</p>		
Other Large Fire Incidents in Montana		

Lemonade, Flathead NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NR Team 3). Burning twenty-one miles west of Kalispell, MT in timber and medium slash. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, flanking and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. 564 acres and 0% contained.

Bull Gin Complex (4 fires), Kootenai NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NR Team 7). Burning two miles northeast of Heron, MT in timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and isolated torching. Area, road, and trail closures in effect. 608 acres and 0% contained (reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping).

DNRC Fire Information

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Links to Other Information

Montana Fires on InciWeb	http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/30/
Montana fires, restrictions, and preparedness	https://www.mtfireinfo.org/
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	Sanders, Lake, Cascade, Phillips, Wheatland, Yellowstone, Musselshell, Treasure, and Bighorn Counties, as well as the Rocky Boy and Northern Cheyenne Reservations, are in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Ravalli County is in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Several counties also have local burn bans in place. https://www.mtfireinfo.org/pages/restrictions
Montana Weather	http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/weather/weather.htm
Northern Rockies 7 Day Fire Potential	http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/forecast/#/outlooks?state=sideBySide&gaccId=5
National Fire News	http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm
National Situation Report	http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf