

## STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION MONTANA DIVISION OF FORESTRY 2705 Spurgin Road Missoula, Montana 59804

## **Montana Wildfire Situation Report**

Monday, September 13, 2021

Preparedness Level Northern Rockies: 2 National: 5

In the last week, initial attack has been light. Across the Geographic Area, yesterday there are 20 uncontained large fires. Year-to-date in Montana 2,239 fires have burned 864,644 acres as of this morning at 0800.

Cooler temperatures expected with a chance for precipitation at the end of the week. Wildfire smoke will impact several communities across Montana this week. For additional information on air quality, please check <u>DEQ</u>'s <u>Today</u>'s <u>Air website</u>.

## **DNRC Fire Situation**

**Eastern Land Office**: In the past week there was one new fire start. Light rain expected today with cooler temperatures expected. Several counties remain in <a href="Stage 1 Fire Restrictions">Stage 1 Fire Restrictions</a>.

**Southern Land Office**: In the past week there have been 18 new starts. Cooler temperatures are expected this week, but fuel conditions remain dry. Several counties are in <a href="Stage 1 and 2 Fire">Stage 1 and 2 Fire</a> Restrictions.

**Northeastern Land Office**: In the past week initial attack has been light. Cooler temperatures expected this week. Several counties are in Stage 1 and 2 Fire Restrictions.

**Central Land Office**: In the past week initial attack was light with a few new fires. The CLO remains actively engaged on several fires with the Helena-Lewis and Clark and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests. Several counties are in <a href="Stage 1">Stage 1</a> and 2 Fire Restrictions.

**Northwestern Land Office**: In the past week initial attack was light with 8 new starts. Breezy conditions and cooler temperatures expected this week, with a chance of rain at the end of the week.

**Southwestern Land Office**: In the past week initial attack was very light with 3 new starts. Cooler temperatures expected with a chance of rain at the end of the week.

## Other Large Fire Incidents in Montana

<u>Trail Creek</u>, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Twenty miles west of Wisdom, MT (NR Team 6; IC: Winfield). IMT is also managing the Alder Creek incident. Burning in timber and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, short-range spotting, and group torching. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 50,586 acres and 29% contained.

Alder Creek, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Twenty miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. Burning in timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing, and short-range sporting. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 33,575 acres and 32% contained.

<u>Boulder 2700</u>, Flathead Agency, BIA. Three miles northeast of Finley Point, MT. Burning in closed timber litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. 2,589 acres and 90% contained.

<u>Burnt Peak</u>, Kootenai NF, USFS. Nine miles southwest of Troy, MT. Burning in timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 4,099 acres and 41% contained.

<u>South Yaak</u>, Kootenai NF, USFS. Four miles northwest of Troy, MT. Burning in timber and light slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 12,489 acres and 76% contained.

American Fork, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles southwest of Harlowton, MT. Burning in short grass, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 21,892 acres and 76% contained.

West Lolo Complex, Lolo NF, USFS. Six miles north of St. Regis, MT. Burning in timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. 39,053 acres and 80% contained.

<u>Harris Mountain</u>, Cascade County. Seven miles southeast of Cascade, MT. Burning in closed timber litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. 31,603 acres and 92% contained.

DNRC Fire Information		
Fire Protection Bureau	Kristin Sleeper	406-210-8122 (cell)
Links to Other Information		
Montana Fires on InciWeb	http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/30/	
Wildfire Smoke Update	https://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/	
Fire Weather Watches/Warnings	http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/weather/weather.htm	
Current Fire Restrictions in Montana	Several counties are in Stage 1 and Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Please visit <a href="https://www.mtfireinfo.org/">https://www.mtfireinfo.org/</a> for more detailed information.	
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	