



US Forest Service
Custer Gallatin National Forest



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Custer Gallatin National Forest
Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
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Fire Stats:

Location: 3 mi NE of Bozeman,
MT

Start Date: September 4

Size: 8,224

Percent Contained: 83%

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 101

Engines: 5

Structure Assessment Group

Helicopters: 2

Water Tender: 1

Bridger Foothills Fire started on an extremely dry and windy Friday prior to Labor Day. Initial attack resources responded in force, but given weather and fuel conditions the fire quickly spread. A frontal passage Saturday, September 5 pushed the fire to over 7,000 acres. The fire has shown minimal growth in recent days & suppression repair continues.

BRIDGER FOOTHILLS FIRE

Incident Commander Bob Culbreath, IC(T) Caleb Schreiber

CURRENT STATUS

Acreage remains at 8,224. Containment remains at 83%. The south side of the fire, along with large portions of the east and west flanks and a large spot fire are contained. Firefighters continue responding to smoke reports in the interior of the fire. Structure assessments continue outside of the fire area, progressing from Jackson Creek to the south and east. Over 220 structure assessments have been completed so far. The data collected will be used to document future fire risk. Resources no longer needed will demobilize and travel home or be available for reassignment.

WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR

Cooler temperatures over the weekend with rainfall is aiding firefighting efforts. Cloudy conditions, with occasional rain showers are expected today, with a warming and drying trend to ease into the week. Winds could gust to 25 mph. Large fuels will continue to smolder and creeping is expected. Fire behavior is low, given the cooler, damp conditions.

CLOSURES

Bridger Canyon Road is open to the public. Travelers should SLOW DOWN and watch for fire traffic. The current Forest area closure includes, roads and trails to all human entry within the Bridgers, west of Hwy 86 and south of a line from Brackett Creek intersection (the Y), extending to the west through Ross Peak to the western Forest boundary. Popular trails include Middle Cottonwood, Bridger Foothills, Sypes, all Bridger Bowl trails to the ridge and all trails south of Brackett Creek and up and over Ross Peak remain closed. Trail users should refrain from attempting to run the ridge or loop Bridger Foothills trail, many connector trails remain closed. The Forest is in the process of re-evaluating the current closure.

SAFETY MESSAGE

There is a temporary flight restriction in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a NO DRONE ZONE. If you fly, we can't. Flying a drone near a wildfire can shut down all air operations.