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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: 34

Engines: 2

Helicopters: 2

Water Tender: 0

Structure Assessment Group

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 are 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, with over 270 completed. The data collected will be used to document future fire risk. Resources no longer needed are demobilizing.

WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today will bring warmer and dryer conditions as a dry frontal passage approaches into Tuesday. Temperatures at night remain cool with decent relative humidity recovery. Later in the week the conditions will continue to warm and dry, with possible critical fire weather occurring on Thursday. Large fuels will continue to smolder and creeping is expected. Fire behavior remains low.

CLOSURES

The Forest has updated the area closure. The new closure area includes roads and trails within National Forest System lands south of the Bridger Bowl Ski Area and east of the Bridger Ridge Trail #513, including Pine Creek Trail #538. Popular trails such as Sypes, Middle Cottonwood, Truman Gulch, Bridger Ridge Trail and access to the "M" are now open for recreational use. Please use extreme caution when entering areas within the burn zone and continue to respect the fire closure boundary. Bridger Canyon Road is open to the public. Travelers should SLOW DOWN and watch for fire traffic.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Recreating in burn zones can be dangerous. Watch out for hazards such as falling trees, loosened soil, burned-out holes in the ground and loose boulders and logs.