



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: 29

Engines: 4

Helicopters: 1

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 Culbreth, IC(T) Caleb Schreiber

CURRENT STATUS

Wind conditions cause ash to uplift, creating clouds over the burn area. It can be expected that ash clouds will continue to form until a large precipitation event occurs. Firefighters continue to patrol and respond to smoke reports in the interior of the fire. Structure assessments have been completed, over 270 assessments were performed. Line improvement is occurring on the North perimeter of the fire, as full suppression remains an objective of the fire. Containment remains at 83%, and acreage remains at 8,224.

WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR

A chance of showers and thunderstorms will remain throughout the day, producing minimal wetting rain and high wind events gusting up to 50 mph. Temperatures will continue to be warm today, reaching high 70's. Overnight recovery of conditions continues to be unsubstantial. A fire weather watch will occur Thursday. Fire behavior remains low, but large fuels continue to smolder and sustained creeping through the duff and litter layer is still occurring.

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.