



CENTRAL MONTANA T3
INCIDENT COMMANDER: SHANE MARTIN
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Trail Ridge Fire

Fire Summary

Approx. 5 miles SE Sula, MT
Approx. 11 miles NW of Big Hole National
Battlefield

Size: 17,084 acres **Completion:** 42%
Personnel: 202

CURRENT STATUS

Fire behavior continues to remain moderate as the cool and wet weather remains in the area. Crews are nearing completion of the indirect fire lines around the fire perimeter along Meadow Creek Road. Along Shultz Saddle Road a Falling Team spent yesterday identifying and removing hazard trees along the road for fire fighter and public safety. On Forest Service Road 106 crews are beginning on suppression repair work. Crews will begin to remove branches and small trees that were cut and moved when the fuel break was created using a Chipper to help disperse material and reduce the impacts from suppression work.

The minimal smoke and fire behavior seen over the last couple of days are helpful in firefighting containment efforts. With this weather break crews have not slowed the work to construct indirect line in the event of another warming drying trend. Fire Managers are working to be prepared for this possibility until a season ending event occurs.

FIRE WEATHER AND BEHAVIOR

Today showers and isolated thunderstorms are possible in the afternoons with less rain than yesterday brought. Today will be drier than the last few days but chances of rain increase again tomorrow. Chances for rain is reduced through the week but a slight chance for precipitation extends through the Friday, at this time.

TRAIL RIDGE CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

- See the Fire Area Closure Order Map for Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Bitterroot National Forest

- See the Fire Area Closure Order Map for the Bitterroot National Forest
- Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect on all Bitterroot National Forest Lands

Specific closure information can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8365/>