

Glenda Wiles

From: Keibler, Lisa - FS <lmkeibler@fs.fed.us>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 9:58 AM
To: lolopeakfire@gmail.com
Subject: Lolo Peak Fire Update 7/28
Attachments: LoloPeakUpdate. 0728_FINAL.docx; LoloPeakUpdate. 0728_FINAL.pdf

Lolo Peak Fire Update

Friday, July 28, 2017, 8:30 am
Northern Rockies Incident Management Team
Greg Poncin, Incident Commander

Fire Information: (406) 272-5433 Hours:
(406) 273-8316 7am – 9pm

Email: LoloPeakFire@gmail.com

Websites: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5375/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lolonationalforest/>

Interactive Fire Map: <http://tinyurl.com/yacsw2cv>

Location: The fire continues to burn directly west of Lolo Peak between Lantern Ridge on the north and to approximately one mile south of Anderson Creek.

Stage II Fire Restrictions are now in effect for Missoula and Ravalli Counties and across the Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests. Additional information can be found on Inciweb.

Summary: Thursday's fire was most active along the northwest corner remaining below and south of Lantern Ridge within the Falls Creek and Middle Creek drainages. Taking advantage of the natural fuel break along the Bitterroot divide, aerial ignition continued west of the divide to widen this buffer from the main fire. Heavy equipment and crews improved and extended the primary control lines south of Highway 12 and west of Highway 93. Once completed, this line will provide firefighters a secure location to work from when the fire move toward the valleys.

Today, a helicopter will insert fire fighters to extinguish the 3 spot fires around the Duffy Lake area. Heavy equipment and hand crews will continue constructing and improving the primary control line from Mormon Peak Road (NFSR 612) south along the Highway 93 corridor toward Bass Creek Road. The structure assessment group will work south along the Highway 93 corridor. The public is reminded that a temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Firefighters are also opening roads closer to the fire's edge to look for additional locations for control lines.

Closures: The Area Closure has been Amended, July 27, 2017 for the Lolo Peak Fire and now includes the following roads and trails as well as those encompassed by the area closure intersecting with open roads and trails; **Elk Meadow Road (NFSR #451) from Junction US Hwy 12 to the Clearwater National Forest Boundary, West Fork Butte Road (NFSR #37) from the West Fork Butte Lookout to the intersection with the Elk Meadow Road (NFSR #451), Mormon Peak Road (NFSR #612), South Fork Lolo Creek Road (NFSR #2160), Small Creek Road (NFSR #4292), West Fork Butte Trail (NFST #320), Mill Creek Trail (NFST #1310), Sweeney**

Trail (NFST #393), and Bass Creek Trail (NFST #4). For specific road, trail and area closure information please visit the Inciweb website.

The fire is under the jurisdiction of the Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests and the Montana Department of Natural Resources (MTDNRC).

Page 1 of 2

Missoula County residents can receive emergency notifications of critical alerts via their choice of text, phone and/or email by signing up at Smart911.com. Residents in Ravalli County can download the Ravalli County Sheriff's app to their mobile devices to receive critical information notifications.

FireWise Message:

Is your home fire-safe? While nothing is ever fire-proof, there are some things you can do to protect your home and community now. Here are just a few actions you can take:

- Clean out gutters, sweep decks and clean off your roof. These places can catch wind-driven embers that will ignite your home.
- Remove leaf clutter and branches overhanging the roof. Vegetation should not touch the home.
- Make sure that there are no flammable materials within 3 to 5 feet around the building.
- Dispose of plant debris according to local regulations.
- Keep your grass cut short and well-watered within a 30 foot radius of structures.
- Store firewood away from the house.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup day. By helping your entire community, you'll be providing better protection to yourself.
- Helpful Links:
 - ✓ Fire Safe Montana: <http://firesafemt.org/>
 - ✓ FireWise Communities: <http://www.firewise.org/?sso=0>
 - ✓ Montana DNRC: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-prevention-and-preparedness>

Cooperators: Stevensville, Ravalli & Missoula County Government; Ravalli County Sheriff's Office; Missoula County Sheriff's Office; Lolo School District; Missoula Rural Fire; Florence VFD; MDOT; Carlton and Bass Lake Irrigation; Florence – Carlton School District; Ravalli and Missoula County DES; Private Landowners.

####

This electronic message contains information generated by the USDA solely for the intended recipients. Any unauthorized interception of this message or the use or disclosure of the information it contains may violate the

law and subject the violator to civil or criminal penalties. If you believe you have received this message in error, please notify the sender and delete the email immediately.