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LOLO PEAK FIRE

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Information Update

MONDAY JULY 31

On Sunday, periodic cloud cover in the morning kept fire activity minimal until late afternoon. Heavy equipment resources in the Highway 93 corridor are nearing completion on the primary control line. Hot Shot crews will complete the work with hand lines. Two heavy helicopters dropped retardant to reinforce Saturday's work along the ridge on the west side of South Fork Lolo Creek. In late afternoon, helicopters dropped water on new spots that were identified on the ridge south of Lolo Peak. To date 60,000 gallons of water and 86,000 gallons of retardant have been dropped on the fire.

Today: Fire managers will monitor the fire's behavior along the ridge on the west side of South Fork Lolo Creek to reduce northwesterly growth. Aerial ignition will continue along southern edge of the fire as needed to inhibit an organized fire run toward the Bitterroot divide. Excavators, wood chippers, and dump trucks will work in the Elk Meadow area and along the Highway 12 corridor to remove slash piles next to the fire line. Crews will conclude the installation of sprinklers, hose and portable water tanks near homes as well as staging equipment along the Highway 12 corridor.

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From: Keibler, Lisa - FS <lmkeibler@fs.fed.us>
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Lolo Peak Fire Update

Saturday, July 29, 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: Ten miles southwest of Lolo.

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

Summary: Yesterday, firefighters were inserted near Duffy Lake and extinguished three known spot fires. Another spot was discovered and the crew remained overnight to put out that fire. Yesterday's cloud cover moderated fire activity resulting in little growth of the fire. The noted increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

We are continuing preparation to protect the valley and its' residents as well as our firefighters. Supporting that objective, approximately 900 homeowners have been personally contacted to assess their property for structure protection. Based on historical knowledge of fire behavior in this immediate area, and where this fire has the potential to move, 10 miles of control line between homes and the fire has been completed along the Highway 12 corridor. Construction of control line continues south along Highway 93.

The majority of this control line is approximately 100 feet wide, consisting of a 12 feet wide dozer line down to mineral soil adjacent to ~ 90 feet of a "shaded" fuel break. Construction of this fuel break consisted of removing dense stands of small trees and brush and the lower limbs of larger trees. The fuel break is intended to reduce the intensity of the fire as it approaches the dozer line.

Alternate fire lines between the fire and the control line are also being constructed. Some of the line locations will use preexisting open and closed roads while others will be constructed with heavy equipment and incorporate natural features (rock slopes, etc.). To reduce the intensity and impact of fire and keep it off private land, these lines will be used to fight the fire before it moves closer to the control line.

We will continue to keep the public informed as we help you prepare for this fire.

Today: With potential record setting temperatures arriving next week, work will focus on strengthening primary control lines and implementing the structure protection plan, by staging equipment and installing hose lines. Locating alternate

control lines closer to the fire remains a high priority. The construction of primary control line will continue, moving west of Highway 93 heading south toward Bass Creek.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A significant heating and drying trend is forecasted for next week. Fire behavior predictions indicate the fire will move north and cross Lantern Ridge. The prevailing winds from the west southwest will push the fire northeast toward the valley floor and Highway 12. We are focusing our efforts with this in mind and feel we can scale our resources appropriately to meet this challenge. We continue to work closely with our cooperators, keeping public and firefighter safety our top priority.

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Highway 12 remains open.

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 temporary flight restriction has been expanded to include a much larger area surrounding the fire.

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

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