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LOLO PEAK FIRE

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Information Update

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Fire origin: July 15, 2017, ten miles southwest of Lolo, MT.

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

Email: LoloPeakFire@gmail.com

Websites: Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwecg.gov/incident/5375>

Missoula County Sheriff: <http://tinyurl.com/ya93jpuf>

Ravalli County: <http://ravalli.us/557/Fire-Incident-Information>

Facebook: Bitterroot National Forest Facebook Page
Lolo National Forest Facebook Page

Weather: Cloudy with periods of rain and snow likely. Highs will be in the upper 40s in the valleys with northeast winds 5-10 mph. In higher elevations, highs in the mid 30s with northeast winds 7-13 mph and gusts to 20 mph can be expected. Fire behavior will be minimal.

Closures: Numerous road, trail, and area closures are in effect for portions of the Bitterroot, Lolo and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. Specific area closure information is available on those forest websites and Inciweb.

Evacuations and Warnings: No evacuation orders or alerts are currently in place. The Ravalli County Sheriff rescinded the remaining evacuation warnings for the Lolo Peak Fire.

Updates and alerts: Stage 2 fire restrictions have been lifted in Ravalli County, but open burning is still prohibited. In Missoula County, Stage 1 and 2 fire restrictions have been lifted. Open burning remains prohibited. Please refer to local Sheriff's Office or MT DNRC for details.

Yesterday's Actions: Approximately 55% of the suppression repair work on the firelines has been completed. Suppression repair continued in the Marshall Creek area. Dozer line repair on the ski hill was completed. Along the eastern fire perimeter visible from Highway 93, crews continued fire line suppression repair, working to repair fences, pulling back top soil, and placing brush on hand lines. Crews improved the fireline in the Larry Creek drainage. Crews wore hip waders and worked in One Horse Creek to clear trees felled during suppression efforts.

Today's Plan: Minimal fire behavior is expected with rain and snow in the forecast. 2" to 5" of snow is possible in higher elevations. As weather permits, suppression repair will be implemented to repair fences, pull back top soil and place brush on hand lines. Firefighters will continue to mop up along firelines in the Larry Creek drainage. Firelines on the ski hill will be seeded to provide ground cover and minimize erosion. The BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) team will be using unmanned aircraft systems to inspect the burned area in the Mormon Creek area.

Fire Information Locations: Fire information bulletin boards are available at the weigh station in Lolo at the corner of Highways 12 and 93, the IGA in Florence, and the Super 1 Foods in Stevensville.

Jurisdiction: The fire is under the jurisdiction of the Lolo, Bitterroot and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and the Montana Department of Natural Resources (MTDNRC). Mike Almas' Northern Rockies Incident Management Team is managing the fire.

Cooperators: Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, Ravalli County Fire/Emergency Management, Missoula County Sheriff's Office, Missoula Rural Fire Department, Missoula Electric Cooperative, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Nez Perce Tribe, Montana DNRC/FWP, Montana DOT, Montana Army National Guard

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