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# No Grass Creek fire

**Current as of:** September 16, 2022

**Location:** origin of fire on eastside of Cliff Mountain near No Grass Creek

**Size:** 1,145 acres (last aerial recon flight on September 14, 2022)

**Containment:** 0%

**Incident overview:** The No Grass Creek fire is located in Powell County on the west end of the Helena Ranger District. The fire was initially sized up at 50-100 acres on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11, 2022. The No Grass Creek fire is located in an area that has experienced large amounts of tree mortality. The fuel loading is dense and continuous throughout the Electric Peak inventoried roadless area and recommended wilderness area, and because of the current state of the dead timber, it's neither safe nor effective to put fire personnel into the area. Fire personnel are managing from the air, while other firefighters are observing the fire's progression, activity and overall behavior within the planning area from various vantage points on the District.

Current and expected weather over the fire and surrounding area is showing chances of rain throughout the weekend and into the beginning of next week, with potential for snow in some areas by Wednesday. Temperatures will primarily reach highs of mid-50's and lows in the upper 30's. Fire modeling predicts minimal fire activity throughout the weekend and the beginning of next week. Fire personnel will continue to be engaged in the fire area to observe fire activity. This will be our last daily fact sheet unless fire activity changes significantly.

Due to the remote location, no homes or private property are threatened by the fire, which provides an opportunity to responsibly allow fire to naturally function and provide ecological benefits. A management strategy that is based on real-time, site specific factors (e.g., terrain/topography, fuel loading, weather trends and forecasts, etc.) along with current and future site-specific weather forecasts is currently being implemented.

**Closures:** A closure order is in effect. Visit: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8421/> to view the closure order and map.



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