



**Northern Rockies
Incident Management Team 7**
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FIRE INFORMATION

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INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location: Elmo, MT

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 12,975

Containment: 0%

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Crews: 5

Engines: 8

Water Tenders: 5

Heavy Equipment: 14

Helicopters: 2

Total Personnel: 293

Elmo Fire

August 1, 2022

8:00 AM

**Public Meeting Notice – Monday, August 1st at 7:00 pm
Elmo Pow Wow Grounds, Hwy 93**

The Elmo Fire grew just over 2,000 acres yesterday for a current size of 12,975 acres; the fire is still 0% contained. The fire was most active in the northwest side yesterday afternoon and evening in the Cromwell Creek area. Similar fire behavior is expected today with short crown runs occurring in narrow strings of timber.

Current and Planned Activity

Yesterday, the Bitterroot Hotshots worked in the northwest portion of the fire holding and improving existing line as fire activity allowed. Firefighter efforts were supported by four scooper planes and four SEATS (single engine air tankers) in the northwest. On the northeast side of the fire, the Helena Hotshots worked directly on the fire's edge to the east towards Chief Cliffs estates while the Idaho Panhandle Hotshots constructed line to the west. Crews engaged directly on the fire's east edge as well, with the Bitterroot Hotshots and a Type II Initial Attack crew working their way to the north. Numerous engines continued to patrol along Hwy 28 extinguishing any remaining heat close to the road.

Today, firefighters along with heavy equipment and aviation resources will continue to hold and improve previously constructed fireline. Crews will construct direct fireline where possible and scout for other opportunities as needed.

Weather: Another hot and dry day is expected with temperatures in the mid-90s. Winds will be out of the southwest at 5-8 mph and shifting to the west at 10-14 mph with gusts up to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Evacuations

Pre-evacuation warnings are still in place for residents south of Lake Mary Ronan Road and west of Hwy 93.

Area Closures

Highway 28 is now OPEN. Smoke may cause low visibility, please use caution when driving.

The Boat Ramp at the Elmo Fishing Access Site is CLOSED.

Lake Mary Ronan State Park is CLOSED.

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