



**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: 21,345 acres

Containment: 55%

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Crews: 14

Engines: 33

Water Tenders: 12

Heavy Equipment: 18

Helicopters: 3

Scoopers: 2

Total Personnel: 616

Elmo Fire

August 8, 2022 - 8:30 AM

Public Meeting this evening, Monday, August 8th at 7:00 pm at the Elmo Pow Wow Grounds – Hwy 93.

The Elmo Fire grew only 18 acres yesterday due to firefighter efforts on the ground and ample aircraft support. Containment increased to 55% and a total acreage of 21,345 acres.

Evacuations

- Evacuation orders have been lifted for residents along Lake Mary Ronan Road (Hwy 352) west of Dayton Creek Road. This area remains under pre-evacuation warning and open to residents and guests only.
- Camp Tuffit/West Shore Road remains under evacuation order and is closed to all traffic.
- Residents of Chief Cliff Lane, Black Lake Road, Big Meadows Road, and Dayton Creek Road remain under pre-evacuation warning and open to residents only.
- Speed limits on Lake Mary Ronan Road (Hwy 352) are reduced to 35 mph.

Area Closures and Restrictions

- The Flathead Indian Reservation Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes and Lake County are currently under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.
- The Boat Ramp at the Elmo Fishing Access Site and Lake Mary Ronan State Park are CLOSED.

Current and Planned Activity

Yesterday, firefighters strengthened and improved fireline in the east, north, and west areas of the fire under favorable conditions with aviation support. In the northern area of the fire, west of Big Meadow Rd, firefighters gridded for areas of heat and crews just south of Lake Mary Ronan were supported by engines and extensive hose lays to extinguish areas of heat along the shoreline road. Farther to the south, the Helena Hotshots performed a small burning operation to safely bring the fire to a road which was supported with hose lays. Crews worked to secure the fireline in areas of south Cromwell Creek and Black Lake on the east side of the fire. Crews on night operations worked a shorter shift so they could get adequate rest and tie into daytime operations.

With today's hot and dry weather, fire activity and smoke will likely increase in the interior of the fire as well as the northern edge. Firefighters will engage in containment operations with the goal to reduce heat from the fireline to the desired depth of 120 feet into the interior. South of Lake Mary Ronan, fire hose and pumps will be used to make water more available for securing firelines. Small firing operations may be utilized to aid in accomplishing these goals when safe to do so.

Weather: Monday's weather will be sunny, hot and dry with winds ranging from 5-10 mph from the West. Temperatures will be in the 90s. Relative humidity values will vary from 13 to 18%.

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