



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

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8289>

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INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location: Elmo, MT

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 21,348 acres

Containment: 61%

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Crews: 12

Engines: 24

Water Tenders: 14

Heavy Equipment: 11

Helicopters: 3

Scoopers: 4

Total Personnel: 548

Elmo Fire

August 10, 2022 - 8:30 AM

No fire growth occurred yesterday; acreage remains at 21,348 and 61% containment.

Evacuations

The Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake Mary Ronan State Park updated evacuations and closures effective at 12:00 AM on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

- Pre-evacuation warnings have been lifted for residents along Lake Mary Ronan Road (Hwy 352) west of Dayton Creek Road.
- Pre-evacuation warnings have been lifted for residents of Chief Cliff Lane, Black Lake Road, Big Meadows Road, and Dayton Creek Road.
- Camp Tuffit/West Shore Road remains under evacuation order and closed to all traffic.
- The entirety of Lake Mary Ronan Road (Hwy 352) and all arterial roads are open to residents and non-residents.
- Speed limits on Lake Mary Ronan Road (Hwy 352) are reduced to 35 mph.
- The Boat Ramp at the Elmo Fishing Access Site and Lake Mary Ronan State Park are OPEN.

Area Closures and Restrictions

- The Flathead Indian Reservation Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes and Lake County are currently under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

Current and Planned Activity

Yesterday, crews capitalized on favorable conditions to strengthen fire lines. Firefighters on the west side of the fire found minimal smokes as they worked their way 120 to 200 feet into the interior of the fire. On the northwest end, where fire is still active, crews gridded the area and discovered fire outside of the perimeter. The spot fire was about 50 feet by 50 feet, and firefighters were successful in constructing fireline around the spot. On the northeast portion of the fire, firefighters conducted small burning operations to more easily secure the edge of the fire. Crews on the west side of the fire worked to reduce hazards focusing on removing fire weakened and dead trees to ensure the safety of firefighters and the public.

Today, fire crews will mitigate further hazards by digging out roots, locating ash pits, and felling dead trees. Firefighters will continue to 'mop up' or extinguish areas of heat utilizing hose lays to bring water interior into the fire and breaking apart smoldering debris. Suppression repair opportunities are being identified for roads, fences, and dozer lines.

Weather: Wednesday's weather will be partly cloudy with temps 85 to 90, and southwest winds ranging from 5-10 mph. RH values will be 23-28%. Light to moderate showers are expected late afternoon or evening with wind gusts up to 20 mph.

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