



**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: 21,349 acres

Containment: 75%

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Crews: 12

Engines: 19

Water Tenders: 12

Heavy Equipment: 11

Helicopters: 1

Scoopers: 2

Total Personnel: 494

Elmo Fire

August 12, 2022

8:30 AM

Containment increased to 75% with additional containment line achieved on multiple areas of the fireline including the southeast, northwest, and northeast areas of the fire. Acreage remains at 21,349.

Current and Planned Activity

Thunderstorms passed through the fire area yesterday evening bringing lightning and light rain. Lightning strikes resulted in a new start, located in section 3 about 1 mile north of Lake Mary Ronan. The Silver City Hotshots and engine crews responded to the start and estimated it at 2 to 3 acres yesterday evening. Firefighters, with the support of the Type 1 helicopter, will focus on constructing line around the fire today.

On the west side of the Elmo Fire, crews pulled excess hose from the containment line and will patrol and monitor the area. Crews on the northwest edge of the fire continue to locate pockets of interior heat near the fireline. Firefighters in this area will utilize helicopter bucket drops to support their efforts. Uncontained fireline on the north end of the fire will require several days of work as the fire edge is extremely uneven. Crews in this area are using 50 gallons of fuel per day to run pumps that bring water to hoses. On the east side of the fire, crews work to eliminate remaining heat and potential threats near structures.

Fire statistics to date: 54 miles of fire perimeter, 2.5 miles of hose deployed, approximately 2.5 million gallons of water dropped from aircraft, and 482,000 gallons of fire retardant dropped.

Weather: Mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Temperatures 87 to 92. Terrain driven winds ranging from 5-10 mph. gusting to 40 near thunderstorms. RH values will be 24-29%. Chance of thunderstorms between 3 and 6 p.m.

Evacuations

As of August 10, 2022, Camp Tuffit Road/West Shore Road remains under evacuation order and closed to all traffic. 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.

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