

Quartz Fire Update

Saturday, August 20, 2022, 11:00 am



National Park Service
Glacier National Park
Incident Commander: K. Airhart

Fire Information Recording: 406-206-6099
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Quartz Fire Continues to Burn Actively

Current Situation: The Quartz Fire, mapped at 1163 acres last night, continues to burn within the remote Quartz drainage of Glacier National Park. Yesterday's hot and dry weather allowed the fire to grow to the south where it spread to the basin of Logging Mountain. On the west edge, the fire moved downhill to reach the northeast shore of Quartz Lake. Fire was limited to the east by steep rocky terrain and lack of fuel. Smoke may be visible from the North Fork and Flathead valleys.

The National Park Service responds to and manages every fire within park boundaries. Firefighters will complete structure protection preparations today near Quartz Lake. Land and air resources will continue patrolling the Quartz Fire, ready to respond as necessary to this fire, and to any new starts caused by lightning.

Fire behavior is anticipated to continue to progress to the southwest with backing and flanking and short occasional uphill runs. Smoke will continue to be visible from the North Fork and Flathead valleys as well as some haze to the east.

Weather: Today's weather is predicted to continue to be hot with high temperatures of 90-100 degrees in the valleys and 75-85 degrees on ridges. Winds are expected to transition to a more typical westerly/southwesterly flow. There is a 30 percent chance of lightning today and a 40 percent chance of lightning tonight.

Closures: Glacier National Park has enacted a [Closure Order](#) for the areas, campgrounds, and trails within the Quartz Lake drainage from the Continental Divide to the Inside North Fork Road for the protection of park visitors, employees, and natural resources. This includes the Quartz Lake Loop trails starting from just south of Bowman Lake toward Quartz Lake, as well as the Quartz Lake and Lower Quartz Lake Wilderness Campgrounds. A [map](#) of the closure is available on InciWeb.

Fire Restrictions: The fire danger rating in Glacier National Park is currently Very High. All park visitors are reminded that campfires are allowed only in designated fire grates and should be kept small. Never leave a fire unattended and drown campfires with water until cold to the touch before leaving it.

Air Quality: National air quality and smoke conditions can be monitored at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Visibility in different parts of Glacier National Park can vary from hour to hour, depending on fire and wind conditions both locally and throughout the west. Check the park's webcams at <https://www.nps.gov/glac/learn/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm> for current views.

Size: Approximately 1163 acres
Total Personnel: 9
Start Date: Sunday, August 14, 2022
InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8337/>

Containment: 0%
Cause: Lightning
Location: 25 miles north of West Glacier
Fire Information Office: 406-206-5272

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