

# Quartz Fire Update

Wednesday, August 24, 10:00 am



**National Park Service**  
**Glacier National Park**  
Incident Commander: M. Lewelling

Fire Information Recording: 406-206-6099  
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## Wet weather results in minimal growth on Quartz Fire

**Current Situation:** No new fire activity was observed on the Quartz Fire yesterday. Last night's infrared flight mapped 18 acres of fire growth over the past two days, with the current fire acreage at 1696 acres. Scattered and isolated heat sources were detected with no areas of intense heat.

Wildland Fire Module crew members relieved Glacier National Park firefighters at Quartz Lake yesterday. Firefighters at Quartz Lake will continue structure protection efforts and scout areas near the fire. Additional crews will patrol both the east and west sides of Glacier National Park for any new fires resulting from recent and ongoing lightning.

**Weather:** Showers and thunderstorms are expected again today and are expected to become stronger in the afternoon. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch from noon through late tonight. High temperatures are forecasted to be 80-90° in valleys and 63-73° on ridges. Rains in the fire area have increased humidity levels over the past few days. Higher humidity has contributed to reduced fire behavior. Humidity is expected to remain high into the weekend.

**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 rings or grates and should be kept small. Never leave a fire unattended and drown any campfire 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 1696 acres  
**Total Personnel:** 35  
**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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