



# HOG TROUGH FIRE

*Location: 18 miles southeast of Hamilton, MT, near Skalkaho Highway*



**SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

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**Start Date:** 7/17/2022    **Cause:** Lightning    **Size:** 1,701 acres    **Completion:** 77%  
**Total Personnel:** 90    **Engines:** 2    **Helicopters:** 1    **Crews:** 2

## CURRENT STATUS

The Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest has rescinded the area closure associated with the Hog Trough Fire. However, the last two miles of Forest Service road 5070 is closed from Maukey Trail #80171 south to the end of the road. Forest Service road 5071 is closed from Bowles Creek south to the end of the road. This is due to crews completing fire suppression repair work. Area, road, and trail closures associated with the Hog Trough Fire are still in effect for the Darby Ranger District of the Bitterroot National Forest. See below for more information.

There is minimal fire behavior on the Hog Trough Fire. Crews will ensure the fire remains within burn scars from previous fires by looking for hot spots and signs of increasing fire behavior as the area starts to dry out. Chipping operations and fire suppression repair work continues along the southern portions of Forest Service roads 5070 and 5071. Road repair work is taking place along Forest Service road 75.

## WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Temperatures will range from 73-78 degrees on Thursday. West winds ranging from 5-15 mph will develop this afternoon. Daytime humidity will dry fuels and overnight recovery will be poor. Fire behavior is expected to remain minimal.

## CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

*Specific closure information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8258/>.*

### Road Closures:

- Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) is open.
- Forest Service road 711 is closed at the junction of Skalkaho Highway, including the ancillary roads leading from the 711 Road.
- Skalkaho road (Forest Service road 75) is closed at its junction with Hwy 38 to Mile Marker 5 (Skalkaho Creek-Jerry Lake Trailhead #503).
- Forest Service road 5070 is closed from Maukey Trail #80171 south to the end of the road.
- Forest Service road 5071 is closed from Bowles Creek south to the end of the road.

### Trail Closures:

- Railroad Creek, National Forest System Trail #77 to Trail #313 at the gate.
- Weasel Creek, National Forest System Trail #156 from milepost 0.00 at its junction with NFSR #461.
- A section of the Bitterroot Rock Creek Divide Trail #313, National Forest System Trail #313 where it intersects Trail #77 Railroad Creek, Weasel Creek Trail #156.
- Skalkaho Creek – Jerry Lake Trail #503, National Forest System Trail #503.

### Fire Restrictions:

- Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on all Bitterroot National Forest lands in Montana. See [mtfireinfo.org](http://mtfireinfo.org) for more specific restrictions information.

