



Lemonade Fire Incident Update

Flathead National Forest, Montana
Tally Lake Ranger District

Incident Commander: Mike Almas

September 11, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Total Acres: 667 | **Containment:** 30% | **Start Date:** September 1, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning
Location: 21 miles west of Kalispell near Marion | **Personnel:** 254

Highlights: The Lemonade Fire has reached 30% containment, with crews continuing to look for areas to fight the fire directly. Firefighters have begun to mop up, or actively cool, remaining heat on the fire's edge along many places around the perimeter.

Operations: The northeast point of the fire was most active yesterday. Helicopters made water drops while crews constructed handline directly on the fire's edge. The fire stayed within the indirect heavy equipment line previously built. Today firefighters will seek additional opportunities to go direct in that area.

Crews are doing mop-up from the southwestern point to the middle of the south perimeter. A felling module continues with hazard tree removal to safely allow firefighters to access the fire's edge. The southeast corner is primarily in patrol status, as crews look for hot spots and mop up where necessary. Firefighters are also hot spotting and mopping up in other areas of the fire on the east and west perimeters.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Temperatures will be 77-82 degrees in the fire area, with 14-19% relative humidity. Winds will be southwest 10-14 with gusts to 18 mph. The fire was most active on the northeast point yesterday, where intense heat remains. There is potential for new spot fires in this area if the southwest winds push embers to the northeast. Moderate or minimal fire behavior is expected around most of the rest of the fire except in places on the south where heat still exists in heavy dead and down material.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area, including the use of drones. Remember, if you fly, we can't.

Evacuations: Currently, there are no evacuations; however, one property is under pre-evacuation notice.

Closures: Currently, there are no closures.

Smoke: Visit fire.airnow.gov/ for wildfire smoke information and deg.mt.gov/air/Programs/airquality for Montana Department of Environmental Quality air quality information.

Fire Information Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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