



Lemonade Fire Incident Update

Flathead National Forest, Montana
Tally Lake Ranger District

September 13, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Total Acres: 667 | **Containment:** 60% | **Start Date:** September 1, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning
Location: 21 miles west of Kalispell near Marion | **Personnel:** 234

Highlights: The Lemonade Fire has reached 60% containment. Today is the last shift for the Type 2 Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 3. A Tally Lake Ranger District Type 4 organization will take command of the fire on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 am.

Today's update will be the final daily one for the fire unless significant events occur. The Lemonade Fire Inciweb page will continue to be updated (<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8379/>) with acreage, containment, and other pertinent information. You may also call the Tally Lake Ranger District at 406-758-5204 for information or questions after today.

Operations: Fire managers continue to release resources to align with current firefighting needs. However, some crews and heavy equipment remain. Work continues as firefighters hot spot, cool the fire's edge, mitigate hazard trees, and begin pulling hose and equipment no longer needed.

Yesterday there was a spot fire across the fireline on the western perimeter. Firefighters caught it at less than an acre, and crews will further secure it today. More favorable southwest winds are expected.

Firefighters continue to pull hoses and pumps no longer needed along the south side. However, in other areas of the fire, crews are still using water equipment to mop up and cool the fire's edge. It will be removed as the work is completed.

Crews are still mopping up into the perimeter, and as the depth increases, so will the containment percentage. Thick, heavy fuels remain a challenge, but a combination of crew and equipment resources have created access to the fire in many areas to conduct this work.

The southeast side remains quiet with no fire activity.

Weather: The high temperature will be around 67-72 degrees in the fire area, with 27-32% relative humidity. Winds will be southwest 6-10 with gusts to 14 mph. Smoke and cloud cover will continue to keep temperatures cooler. Additionally, there are chances of rain in the forecast. Next week brings chances of below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the fire area through Wednesday, September 14.

Evacuations and Closures: Currently, there are no evacuations or closures. Roads and trails previously closed due to the fire are now open.

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

Fire Information:

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After today (9/13), please call the Tally Lake Ranger District at 406-758-5204 during normal business hours.

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