

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Josh Hansen

October 18, 2022



Trail Ridge Fire

Fire Summary

Approx. 5 miles SE Sula, MT

Approx. 11 miles NW of Big Hole National Battlefield

Size: 18,021 acres **Completion:** 78%

Personnel: 37

CURRENT STATUS

The Trail Ridge Fire is burning on the Wisdom District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and the Darby-Sula District of the Bitterroot National Forest.

Currently the fire is 18,021 acres. The fire is actively burning in the Hilltop and Four B Drainage areas. Two medium helicopters are doing bucket drops of water near Hilltop and Four B Creek to help cool down and slow the progression of the fire. The fire is also burning previously unburned fuels inside the current fire perimeter near Prairie Creek and Gibbons Pass and smoke is visible in these areas. According to Incident Commander (t) Ian Fowler the fire remains within the management objectives.

The main objective for this fire continues to be firefighter and public safety. Other primary objectives include keeping the fire from impacting private lands and values along Highway 93 and East Fork of the Bitterroot corridors utilizing point protection and indirect lines where needed. Suppression repair work will continue when and where fire behavior allows.

Most of the resources are on the north side of the fire where the fire is currently most active. Firefighters will continue suppressions of spots. A Type 6 engine is helping with fire activity and suppression efforts. All remaining resources will continue to monitor the fire and look for opportunities for suppressions repair. There is still an active fire area closure which includes Mink (FS 5763) and Meadow Creek Roads (FS725) and a portion of the Continental Divide Trail.

FIRE WEATHER AND BEHAVIOR

Today through Friday the weather is expected to be sunny and warm, with highs in the mid 70's and lows in the mid 30's. Precipitation is forecasted for Friday night and into Sunday. Sunday will be cooler with a high of 46 and a chance of snow. Winds will be out of the north/northwest 8-15 mph.

TRAIL RIDGE CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

The most current Closure Order for the Trail Ridge Fire is effective as of 22SEP22 and can be viewed in full at [https:// www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bdnf/alerts-notices](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bdnf/alerts-notices)

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Bitterroot National Forest

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest