



Ridge Fire Incident Update Date: 08/10/23



<https://www.facebook.com/ridge.fire.information>



www.youtube.com/@2023ridgefire

Location: 6 miles southeast of Hungry Horse

Size: 2,940 acres

Percent Contained: 0 %

Cause: Lightning

Start Date: July 30, 2023, 3:45 PM

Fire Information: 406-998-6074

Hours: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Email: 2023.ridge@firenet.gov

Incident Website: <http://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtfnf-ridge-fire>

Vegetation: Timber (Litter and Understory), Tall Grass, and Brush

Number of Personnel Assigned: 277

A community meeting with members from the California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 will be held tonight at the Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse at 7:00 PM.

CURRENT SITUATION:

With constant monitoring, aircraft found opportunity to attack the fire yesterday. Due to a cold front that had a wetting rain yesterday, firefighters were able to take advantage and continue improving perimeter lines on the south and east sides of the fire while holding it to 2,940 acres – there was minimal fire activity last night.

Utilizing hand tools and saws in steep terrain, firefighters will continue to improve perimeter lines, and will go direct and attack the fire on a portion along FS Road #38 today. While we experienced rain yesterday, it is expected to dry up and become warmer. On the eastern flank of the fire, weather permitting, aircraft will support ground resources with aerial drops in inaccessible terrain. Dozers and crews will continue to improve indirect lines along FS Road #497 and 590E Road. Additional resources have arrived, and fire equipment will be entering and exiting Highway 2 – use caution.

Incident personnel will continue to monitor weather and fire conditions to determine when aircraft can be utilized to aid ground resources. Weather permitting, aircraft will be used on the eastern front of the fire.

⚠ Hungry Horse Reservoir Closed Due to Fire Activity ⚠

Hungry Horse Reservoir is closed until further notice. All National Forest System lands in the area and National Forest System roads 38 and 895 will be closed to public use for public and firefighter safety.

The following road closures are in effect:

- FS Road #38 (East Side Road #38) is closed to all public traffic east of the junction of FS Road #497 (Desert Mountain Road) and East Side Road #38.
- FS Road #895 (West Side South Fork Road #895) is closed to all public traffic starting at mile 15, near the Lid Creek Campground.
- West Side South Fork Road #895 from the Hungry Horse Dam Visitor Center to the existing closure at mile 15, near the Lid Creek Campground. Pre-evacuation notice in effect for private property along SF Abbot Creek on the west side of the fire.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

While we experienced rain yesterday, it is expected to dry up and become warmer with the beginning of a drying trend. Winds are expected at 15 – 20 MPH with gusts of 25 - 30 MPH in the fire area.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:

Residents should stay alert for changing conditions and visit ready.gov/wildfires for preparing for wildfires. For up-to-date information on the Ridge Fire, please visit InciWeb, Ridge Fire Information Facebook, 2023 Ridge Fire Information YouTube, and Flathead County Sheriff's Office Facebook for evacuation information.

Please refer to <http://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtfnf-tin-soldier-complex> for the Tin Soldier Complex incident information.