



## Community Meeting Tonight Glacier Bible Camp 5pm August 27, 2023 Daily Update



Table 1

<b><u>Ridge Fire</u></b>	<b><u>Doris Point Fire</u></b>	<b><u>Tin Soldier Fires</u></b>
<b>Location:</b> 6 miles southeast of Hungry Horse	<b>Location:</b> 8 miles south of Hungry Horse	<b>Location:</b> 17 miles east of Swan Lake
<b>Size:</b> 3665 acres	<b>Size:</b> 1587 acres	<b>Size:</b> 8165 acres
<b>Percent Contained:</b> 76%	<b>Percent Completed:</b> 58%	<b>Percent Completed:</b> 20%
<b>Cause:</b> Lightning	<b>Cause:</b> Lightning	<b>Cause:</b> Lightning
<b>Start Date:</b> July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 @ 3:45 PM	<b>Start Date:</b> July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 @ 3:45 PM	<b>Start Date:</b> July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 @ 3:45 PM
<b>Personnel Assigned:</b> 375	<b>Personnel Assigned:</b> 58	<b>Personnel Assigned:</b> 138

**Highlights:** The warm and dry weather contributed to an increase in smoke and minimal fire activity. Some smoldering with potential creeping is expected to continue today. The Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) group has been flying over the area and assisting with identifying hot spots. Inciweb information for the Tin Soldier Complex is now updated on the Ridge Fire Inciweb page. Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1 is hosting a community meeting tonight at the Glacier Bible Camp at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be live streamed and recorded on the Ridge Fire Facebook Page and YouTube.

### **Operations:**

**Ridge Fire:** The UAS flight on Saturday saw very little heat on the Ridge Fire. Firefighters will continue to monitor and patrol for any potential heat. Equipment, such as hose lays and pumps, have been removed from areas showing no fire activity. Crews continue with repair work on areas impacted by fire suppression activities.

**Doris Point Fire:** Doris Point had a slight increase in fire activity on Saturday. Hot spots inside the perimeter of the fire and some creeping on the west side were observed. This fire behavior is not impacting any areas of concern. The UAS group plans to fly over Doris Point today and will provide a clearer picture of hot spot locations. Today's activities will encompass more patrolling and snag removal. Backhaul of firefighting equipment that is no longer needed has also begun.

**Tin Soldier Fire:** Creeping fire behavior is expected to increase on the Bruce fire with the rise in temperature. Personnel are maintaining pump operations around structures and other values at risk. Mechanical thinning is ongoing with the goal of completion of the project at Soldier Creek. Monitoring of the Sullivan fire continues, little or no heat has been identified in the last few days.

### **Weather and Fire Behavior:**

Today we resumed the warming and drying trend as the ridge of high pressure regained control of the weather pattern. Forecasting for next couple of days shows the strong warming and drying trend continuing with the peak occurring Monday. Regionwide temperatures approaching or surpassing 90 is expected with lowland humidity dipping into the teens. While we have 2 of the three factors leading to critical fire conditions, winds are expected to remain on the lighter side keeping overall conditions in check.

### **Fire Closure:**

The Hungry Horse Reservoir is closed to all public access, including both the east and west side roads. The Forest Closure Order that includes the Heinrude Community remains in effect. As firefighting efforts continue on the Ridge Fire, Doris Point Fire, and Tin Soldier Fire the closure is in place to provide for public and firefighter safety.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/flathead/alerts-notice/?aid=82283>

### **Additional Information:**

Residents should stay alert for changing conditions and visit <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires> for preparing for wildfires. The Tin Soldier Complex Incident information will now be updated on the Ridge Fire Inciweb page. Moving forward, please refer to <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/mtfnf-ridge-fire> for information on the Tin Soldier Complex.

Fire Information: 406-998-6074 (8:00 am to 7:00 pm)  
<https://www.facebook.com/ridge.fire.information>

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