



NORTHERN ROCKIES TEAM 5

INCIDENT COMMANDER: JOE SAMPSON

COLT FIRE

AUGUST 19, 2023

Location: 15 miles northwest of Seeley Lake, Montana	Information Line: 406-247-0922		
Start Date: 7/17/2023	Cause: Lightning	Size: 7,154 acres	Containment: 51%
Total Personnel: 394	Engines: 10	Helicopters: 3	Hand Crews: 8

CURRENT STATUS

Firefighters are taking advantage of limited fire activity to patrol and mop up hot spots. Chipping operations continue on the southern and eastern edges.

The TFR will still be in effect 24 hours a day due to continued night operations with the unmanned aerial system conducting infrared flights looking for areas of heat along the fire's perimeter. The ceiling is 9,500 feet.

PLANNED ACTION

Command of the fire will transfer from Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 5 to Wyoming Team 4 Type 3 team at 8:00 pm today. Crews will continue to mop-up residual heat along the fire's perimeter. The majority of the fire's heat remains on the fire's southwestern edge. Chipping operations will continue on the southern and eastern perimeters. Unmanned Aerial Surveillance flights will continue to assist firefighters searching for heat along the fire's perimeter.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Temperatures will be moderate over the weekend with precipitation possible on Sunday. Tropical moisture from Hurricane Hillary is expected to make its way into the area in the beginning of next week. Heavy downed fuels will continue to smolder but fire activity is anticipated to be low.

CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS

The Lolo National Forests has lifted the closure of the following; Rainy Lake Campground and access road, Alva Lake Campground and access road, as well as Lakeside Campground and access road. All other Forest closures remain in place.

The Missoula County Sheriff's Office has no evacuation orders or warnings in effect due to the Colt Fire as of 8/14/2023. For evolving Evacuations and Warnings please visit the Missoula County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaCountySheriffsOffice>.

Specific closure information can be found at

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-colt-fire>.