



Miller Peak Fire

Lolo National Forest

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtlnf-miller-peak-fire>

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Location: 7 miles south of Missoula, MT

Start Date: 7/14/2024

Cause: Unknown

Size: 2,660 acres

Completion/Containment: 25%

787 Total Personnel; 31 Engines; 5 Helicopters; 19 Hand Crews; 14 Water Tenders; 23 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

The fire has seen no increase in acreage. Around the fire area crews have moved into "mop-up" and patrol status. Firefighters are assisting with new fire starts around the area.

CURRENT STATUS

There has been no fire growth or heat detected outside of the lines following the weather event Wednesday night. Crews continue with their "mop-up" operations and patrol, working along the previously constructed handline around the fire's perimeter. Firefighters are well prepared to respond to any increases in fire activity, and work continues to strengthen existing containment lines. In the southeastern section of the fire, crews have halted progression of the fire with special focus on the values at risk and connecting lines to the Northeast. The I-90 corridor remains a vital value and is the priority for the heavy equipment. Additionally, firefighters and aviation resources have been assisting with new ignitions around the area.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Despite the gusty winds and Red Flag conditions, previously constructed firelines held. A westerly upper-level wind flow moved into the region and is expected to remain there over the next several days. This weather pattern will result in more seasonal temperatures for this time of year. Afternoon humidities will continue to drop into the teens each day. The fire location will experience westerly winds each afternoon into the evenings, but gusts on the ridges are not expected to be overly excessive.

CLOSURES

Lower Miller Creek Road is closed from debris due to the storm. A temporary flight restriction is in effect over the fire area. An area and road closure around the fire is in effect due to hazardous conditions resulting from fire activity. Stage II fire restrictions are in effect in the area. Specific closure information and maps are posted on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtlnf-miller-peak-fire> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lolo/alerts-notice> as they are implemented.

