



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: 2724 acres

Completion/Containment: 55%

602 Total Personnel; 16 Engines; 4 Helicopters; 15 Hand Crews; 11 Water Tenders; 11 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

The containment of the fire remains at 55%. Yesterday, cooler temperatures through the night and morning have allowed for crews to effectively mop-up, bolstering containment lines. A Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) has arrived to take over from current IMT, the new team will take control of the incident at 0600 on Tuesday.

Current Status

Lower afternoon humidities allowed for some fire activity within the interior of the fire. An unmanned aerial system (UAS) is being used for infrared flight detection to assist in finding hotspots. On all areas of the fire's edge, crews continue to patrol, mop-up, and secure the edge. As a protective measure, two heavy equipment containment lines constructed farther from the fire edge are close to completion. With many successes on the incident, resources are being released to other fires or home, and slower tempo allows for a smooth transition to the incoming IMT.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Yesterday, a very dry air-mass caused afternoon humidities to drop into the teens once again as westerly winds gusted up to 25 mph at times. Looking forward, westerly flow will last through Monday then a cold front swings through western Montana on Monday night into Tuesday. This front will bring some scattered rain showers and thunderstorms along with cooler temperatures. A ridge of high pressure starts to build over the region for the latter part of the work week into the weekend. This ridge will cause a warming and drying trend with less wind.

CLOSURES

Lower Miller Creek Road is closed from debris due to storm damage. 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.

