

Miller Peak Fire



Lolo National Forest

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

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Northern Rockies Team 9, Incident Commander Shane Martin

Location: 7 miles south of Missoula, MT Start Date: 7/14/2024 Cause: Unknown Size: 2724 acres Completion/Containment: 65% 359 Total Personnel; 6 Engines; 4 Helicopters; 7 Hand Crews; 6 Water Tenders; 3 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

Northern Rockies Team 9 assumed control of the fire at 0600 this morning. The fire remains at 65% containment as crews continue to mop up and strengthen containment lines around the perimeter of the fire. Today a low-pressure system will be over the area bringing cooler temperatures with widespread rain across the fire area.

Current Status

The incoming Incident Management Team has taken over the fire and continues to diligently work to secure the fire. The team continues to adjust working tactics to the scale of complexity that remains on the fire. Crews continue to secure and improve containment lines around the fire. The eastern and northern flanks continue to be areas of concern due to pockets of unburned fuel near the fires edge.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A cold front moved through last night bringing precipitation to the area. Today a low pressure system will be over the area bringing significantly cooler temperatures with widespread rain showers. The fire has over a 60% chance of receiving at least a tenth of an inch of rainfall by this afternoon. A strong ridge of high pressure is still expected to build back over the western United States by the end of the week into the weekend.

CLOSURES

Lower Miller Creek Road is closed from debris due to storm damage. The temporary flight restriction has reduced in size. An area and road closure around the fire is in effect due to hazardous conditions resulting from fire activity and for personal safety. 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-notices as they are implemented.

