



Big Hollow Fire

Central Land Office

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

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Location: 13 miles west of Grant, MT **Start Date:** August 23, 2024
Cause: Undetermined **Size:** 3435 acres **Containment:** 90%

CURRENT STATUS + PLANNED ACTIONS:

Fire activity continues to be low and is limited to pockets of timber far in the interior away from control lines or features. Yesterday, the fire's containment percentage increased to 90% after crews successfully continued the mop up process of locating and extinguishing heat by cutting up burning logs and mixing dirt and water into pockets of heat.

Today, containment is expected to increase even more as crews make progress with mop-up on the portions of the fire that haven't been contained yet. Though, the forward progress of the fire has been stopped and there aren't many active flames still burning close to control lines, the concern with uncontained edges are spot fires occurring if a section were to flare up or embers being carried outside of the perimeter during a weather event.

With today's forecasted hot and dry temperatures, interior fire behavior is expected to increase and smoke will be visible as timber patches continue to burn and clean up dead debris on the forest floor making it more accessible for wildlife and assisting with the soil nutrient cycling process.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

A ridge of high pressure will be over the region through the weekend causing warm and dry conditions. Today temperatures over the fire area are forecasted to be much hotter than the past couple of days ranging from 76 to 81 degrees. Relative humidities will also drop ranging from 9-14 percent. Winds are expected to be light and variable with an increase to around 15 mph in the afternoon.

EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

There are currently no evacuations or closures in place. Fire managers are asking that the public avoids the immediate fire area for both public and firefighter safety.

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