



# Black Canyon Fire

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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



**August 12, 2024**

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## **DNRC County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton**

**Location:** 30 miles Northwest of White Sulphur Springs, MT

**Start Date:** 8/10/2024

**Cause:** Undetermined; **Size:** 351 acres

**Containment:** 0%

189 Total Personnel; 5 Engines; 5 Helicopters; 7 Hand Crews

## **KEY MESSAGE**

The DNRC County Assist Team assumed command of the fire on Sunday, August 11. Fire managers are using a full suppression strategy to manage the fire. The primary objectives are to keep the fire west of the Smith River, prep and protect structures and stop the fire's spread by building direct and indirect containment lines.

## **CURRENT STATUS**

The Black Canyon Fire was discovered August 10, 2024, is burning in dense forest in private and state lands. The fire area received .75 inches of rain on Saturday evening, helping to slow fire activity. However, the northern edge of the fire has been the most active, due to receiving less precipitation, resulting in torching and spotting. Yesterday, fire manager assessed the fire on the ground and from a helicopter reconnaissance flight. Five helicopters provided air support by dropping water on the fire's edge to slow its spread, allowing for fire crews to safely engage and create direct handlines. Today, helicopters will continue water drops on the northern end. Hand crews and heavy equipment operators will work on fire line construction on Black Canyon Lane.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Today, it will be mostly sunny with temperatures in the low 80s and variable southeast winds up to 5 mph shifting to the northwest in the evening. Expect isolated thunderstorms to move through the area bringing strong winds, light precipitation, and possible lightning in the next 24 hours.

## **CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES**

A temporary flight restriction is in effect within 7 miles of the fire area. Be mindful of heavy traffic including fire personnel and equipment in the area.

