



Black Canyon Fire

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

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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: Lightning/Natural

Size: 233 acres

Containment: 98%

154 Total Personnel; 1 Engine; 4 Crews; 1 Excavator

KEY MESSAGE

This is the final update for the Black Canyon Fire.

Today is the last day the Black Canyon Fire will be managed by David Hamilton's DNRC County Assist Team. The fire has remained within its containment lines, reaching 98% containment. Command will be transferred back to the Meagher County Fire Department at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, to ensure continued monitoring and management of the fire. Resources have and will continue to demobilize through end of today's shift.

CURRENT STATUS

Yesterday, firefighters patrolled and monitored the fire to mitigate any residual heat near the control lines. Crews investigated and extinguished hot spots using data from the Infrared Awareness and Assessment (IAA) flight. An excavator rehabilitated the southern portion of the contingency dozer line. All hoses and the two large portable water tanks were removed from the fireline.

Today, crews will continue to patrol, monitor, and mop up any residual heat within the fire's interior. They will also remove all flagging and signs used during operations. The excavator will finish the repair and rehabilitation of the northern portion of the dozer line.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Fire behavior remains minimal, with smoldering fuels in the interior. The weather will be sunny, with temperatures ranging from 82-87 degrees. Variable southerly winds up to 10 mph are expected, with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, potentially bringing lightning, gusty winds, and hail.

