



Black Mountain Fire

August 2, 2024 – 7:00 PM



Fire Information: 406-401-0280

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<https://www.facebook.com/HLCNF>

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mthlf-black-mountainwildfire.gov>

Start Date: July 29, 2024

Size: 120 Acres

Location: 6 miles northwest of Lincoln, MT

Containment: 0%

Cause: Undetermined

Personnel: 191

Northern Rockies Team 8, a Type III Incident Management Team led by Incident Commander Brad Bergman assumed command of the fire at 6:00 AM on August 2, 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

Additional resources, in the form of 20-person crews, engines, heavy equipment, and various overhead positions arrived yesterday and today to aid in ongoing suppression efforts on the Black Mountain Fire. The increased manpower focused on improving fireline, clearing fuel from indirect lines previously constructed with dozers and feller bunchers. Aircraft delivered water to cool edges of the fire where and when requested by firefighters on the ground allowing crews and heavy equipment to safely work along the firelines. Due to the large amount of heavy fuels in the area, an abundance of water is needed to extinguish pockets of heat. Firefighters installed 4 miles of hose and will continue to add to water systems in the coming days.

The fire was estimated at 120 acres; however, more accurate mapping will occur over the next couple of days.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot and dry weather is predicted for the next two days. A disturbance entering the fire area on Sunday evening will produce the potential for dry thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds.

EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

Evacuations: Per the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office, an Evacuation Warning remains in effect. The following area is open to RESIDENTS ONLY: North of Lone Point Dr and Tamarack. North of North Lincoln Gulch/Morris Dr. North of the intersection of Beaver Creek Rd and Stonewall Creek and all feeder roads north of that intersection.

Closures: The Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest issued a road, trail, and area closure order. The closure order and map is posted on Inciweb, Black Mountain Fire.

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