



Sharrott Creek Fire

Fire Information 406-403-7969 (8 am to 8 pm)

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-sharrott-creek-fire>
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Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Northern Rockies Team 3, Incident Commander Mike Behrens

Location: One mile west of Stevensville, Montana in Ravalli County

Start Date: 8/23/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: 1,130 Acres

Completion/Containment: 0 percent

Resources assigned: 388 people

KEY MESSAGES

- Mike Behrens' Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 3 took command of the fire at 0600 today.
- **There will be a public meeting at Stevensville High School at 7 p.m. tonight.**

CURRENT STATUS

Air resources are dropping retardant and water to assist firefighters in checking the spread downhill on the eastern edge of the fire. Crews have established an anchor point on the southeast corner of the perimeter and are building direct and indirect line. Hotshot crews burned out along the east edge to bring the fire down to the 739A and B roads. They will hold and improve on that work today. Firefighters are also scouting locations for dozer line construction from the northeast corner of the fire towards Kootenai Creek. Fire managers are working on structure protection planning and firefighters are working on structure preparation in the neighborhoods near the eastern edge of the fire.

Night shifts are holding the eastern edge and patrolling the affected neighborhoods.

There is a temporary flight restriction (TFR) over the fire area west of Highway 93 from Bass Creek to Big Creek.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Temperatures are expected to reach the mid 70's F with 20 percent relative humidity over the fire area. Winds will generally be from the southwest, switching to west-northwest with gusts to 35 mph on ridgetops. Increased fire behavior is expected with the passage of a cold front between 1 and 5 pm. Spotting up to a 1 mile is possible.

SMOKE

For the current smoke reports, visit www.fire.airnow.gov/

EVACUATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, CLOSURES

The Ravalli County Sheriff's Office has issued evacuation orders and warnings for neighborhoods in the vicinity of the Sharrott Creek Fire. For the latest status and an evacuation map, visit the Ravalli Co. Sheriff's Office website:

<https://ravalli.us> A Red Cross evacuation shelter is still available at the LDS Church in Stevensville at 100 Middle Burnt Fork Road. Evacuation questions can be directed to the Ravalli County Emergency Operations Center at 406-375-6650.

For the safety of firefighting pilots, do not fly unmanned aerial systems (drones) in the fire area.

