



Miller Peak Fire

Lolo National Forest



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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtlnf-miller-peak-fire>

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Location: 7 miles south of Missoula, MT

Start Date: 7/14/2024

Cause: Unknown

Size: 2724 acres

Completion/Containment: 65%

270 Total Personnel; 5 Engines; 1 Helicopters; 5 Hand Crews; 6 Water Tenders; 3 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

Lingering heat continues to remain in heavy and unburned fuels such as downed trees and stumps. The containment of the fire remains at 65% while crews worked to ensure residual heat stays within containment lines.

CURRENT STATUS

The crews out on the line continue work mopping up and securing the rugged eastern flank. Heat may remain in heavy fuels until weather conditions are suitable for ignition. Fire managers are calling the fire 65% contained. Achieving containment on the eastern flank will take time due to the spotty nature of the burn and the remaining unburned fuels in that area.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Temperatures continue a warming and drying trend as a ridge of high pressure strengthens through the end of the week. Winds will generally be terrain and diurnally driven until the afternoon when a slight increase in westerly winds is expected. Monsoon moisture will begin to enter the region on Saturday with increasing cloud cover and a slight chance for thunderstorms late Saturday.

CLOSURES

Lower Miller Creek Road is closed from debris due to storm damage. A temporary flight restriction is in effect over the fire area. An area and road closure around the fire is in effect due to hazardous conditions resulting from fire activity. Stage II fire restrictions are in effect in the area. Specific closure information and maps are posted on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtlnf-miller-peak-fire> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lolo/alerts-notice> as they are implemented.

