



# Miller Peak Fire

Lolo National Forest



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

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## **Northern Rockies Team 9, Incident Commander Shane Martin**

**Location:** 7 miles south of Missoula, MT

**Start Date:** 7/14/2024

**Cause:** Unknown

**Size:** 2724 acres

**Completion/Containment:** 65%

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

## **KEY MESSAGE**

The burned and unburned fuels creating the mosaic pattern near the fire's edge creates unique complexities when managing the fire. The heat left smoldering in portions of the fire pose a risk of igniting the unburned fuels within the already burned area and spreading to fuels outside containment lines.

## **CURRENT STATUS**

The crews continue to patrol the edges of the fire checking for any remaining heat. When they find a hot spot in places such as logs, stumps, or organic material in the soil, tactics are used to contain and cool these areas to keep them from reigniting. When smoke is spotted, a crew engages to contain the fire before it spreads through the fuels that are available throughout the spotty burn zone. Crews are beginning to look at suppression repair options for lines that were put in the first few days of the fire to help reduce the footprint on the environment and erosion.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

The warming trend continues with hot and dry conditions expected today and smoke is forecast to increase in coverage from the southwest. Saturday remains hot with haze and smoke. There is around a 20% chance for thunderstorms late in the day on Saturday. Thunderstorms chances increase on Sunday.

## **CLOSURES**

The temporary flight restriction is still in effect over the fire area. The temporary flight restriction will no longer be effective during night hours. 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-notices> as they are implemented.

