



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%

175 Total Personnel; 8 Engines; 1 Helicopters; 2 Hand Crews; 4 Water Tenders; 3 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

Yesterday there was an uptick in fire activity located in the interior of the fire due to the rising temperatures and wind drying the fuels. A helicopter was brought in to drop buckets of water onto the affected area. The eastern edge of the fire is still spotty with unburned and burned fuels.

CURRENT STATUS

The fire is 65% contained as the crews work through the difficult and steep terrain to continue mop up and patrol. As temperatures rise into the 100's, crews are working to make sure any remaining heat is caught early to keep unburned fuels from igniting and spreading outside the control lines.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A high pressure ridge will keep hot and dry conditions in place through Saturday. Mid-level atmospheric moisture and instability will increase Saturday afternoon, with the threat of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1700. Thunderstorms will be capable of producing gusty winds, with a probability for gusts over 40mph. Additional rounds of showers and thunderstorms are expected Sunday into Monday, with localized areas of moderate to heavy rainfall.

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-notice> as they are implemented.

