



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: 73%

122 Total Personnel; 3 Engines; 1 Helicopters; 2 Hand Crews; 2 Water Tenders; 2 Heavy Equipment

KEY MESSAGE

Heavy equipment is working on cleaning up residual fuels from indirect line on Moccasin Ridge. The trees were initially removed to create a fire break to stop fire progression during the first few days of the initial attack.

CURRENT STATUS

Crews will continue to search out and mop up hot spots on the eastern edge of the fire. Saturday evening an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) flew over the fire and containment lines with heat sensing equipment to search for areas of residual heat. Any areas of concern found by the UAS will be dealt with by remaining crews. Hotspots/smoke continue to appear despite the precipitation and crews are continuing to look for more with the coming hot and dry weather.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Sunday's cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity will be replaced by warmer daytime temperatures and much lower relative humidity to start the week. Cloud cover this afternoon will diminish overnight with mostly clear skies today. There is a slight chance of strong to severe storms containing strong winds and hail this afternoon. Also, there will be a slight chance of thunderstorms early on Tuesday morning

CLOSURES

The temporary flight restriction is still 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-notices> as they are implemented.

