



Railroad-Daly Fires



Bitterroot National Forest

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Location: Railroad Creek/ Skalkaho Creek confluence, 26 miles southeast of Hamilton

Start Date: 7/25/2024

Cause: Undetermined

Daly Fire Acres: 6,721 **Completion:** 6%

Railroad Fire Acres: 939 **Completion:** 6%

Total Personnel: 92

CURRENT STATUS

Fire crews report minimal activity yesterday on the both the Railroad and the Daly Fires as the entire fire area received significant wetting rain accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds. Fire managers are optimistic that cooler, wetter conditions will assist in slowing fire progression.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Current weather conditions have significantly reduced fire activity, with cooler temperatures and wetter patterns dominating the region. A second weather system is expected to move in on Monday and Tuesday, bringing additional rainfall and further cooling. These conditions will continue to suppress fire behavior with no weather conditions that support active fire growth in the near term. However, due to the heavy rainfall, flash flood warnings will be in effect until 9 p.m. tomorrow, particularly in areas with steep terrain and burned areas from previous fires.

EVACUATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, CLOSURES

The Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) is closed from Black Bear Campground to Skalkaho Pass on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest side. Gird Point Lookout is also closed. The Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness in the Bitterroot National Forest is currently in **Stage I Fire restrictions**.

