



# Railroad-Daly Fires



Bitterroot National Forest

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## **Northern Rockies Team 5, Incident Commander Joe Sampson**

**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:** 75

## **CURRENT STATUS**

Minimal fire activity is present, following yesterday's storm and today's continued rainfall on the Railroad and Daly Fires. Ground conditions remain wet, limiting active fire spread. Today, crews will continue tree removal for hazard mitigation along Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) and maintain structure protection equipment near Gem Mountain, Stony Creek, Rock Creek Road, and north of Hwy 38.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Rain will come to an end gradually with a few lingering showers. Cloud cover is expected to decrease throughout the day, becoming partly cloudy. Another storm front is expected to arrive Monday into Tuesday, bringing additional rain and thunderstorms. Westerly winds of 8-12 mph could gust up to 25 mph at times, especially along ridgetops and west-facing slopes. Temperatures are forecasted to range from the mid-50s to mid-60s with fog expected in the valleys during the early morning hours and relative humidity around 60 percent. Fire behavior remains limited to creeping and smoldering, though more smoke may be visible in the coming days.

## **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**.

