



# 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: 6,811 Completion: 18%

Railroad Fire Acres: 1,006 Completion: 30%

Total Personnel: 29

## **CURRENT STATUS**

Minimal fire activity is present, with no expected spread on the Railroad and Daly Fires. Today, crews will continue with hazard mitigation along the Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) and patrol in the Gem Mountain area.

Area closures surrounding the fire area are still in effect. These closures are necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the public and provide for safe firefighting operations and access. Fire managers are working in conjunction with Bitterroot National Forest officials to assess the need and potential boundary changes, shrinking the affected area within the closure.

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) have been lifted over the fire area and are no longer in effect.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Temperatures will gradually rise into the upper 60s in the afternoon. Partly cloudy skies in the morning will transition to mostly cloudy by the afternoon. The minimum relative humidity will be in the upper 30s, with southwest winds at 10-15 mph. Mid-slope winds could gust 20-25 mph, with ridgetop winds gusting as high as 30 mph in the afternoon. Fire behavior will remain limited to creeping and smoldering.

## **EVACUATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, CLOSURES**

The Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) is closed from Black Bear Campground on the Bitterroot National Forest to Skalkaho Pass on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest side.

Gird Point Lookout is closed.

The Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness in the Bitterroot National Forest is currently in **Stage I Fire restrictions**.

