



Long Tom Fire

Southwestern Land Office



Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Fire Protection - Anaconda Unit
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest jurisdiction

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-long-tom-fire>

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Location: Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area, 20 miles southwest of Butte, Montana

Start Date: 9/08/2024

Cause: Suspected Lightning; **Size:** 110 acres

Containment: 0%

CURRENT STATUS

The Long Tom Fire was first detected on Sunday, September 8, 2024 burning in open grass and timber on the southeast corner of the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area in Butte-Silver Bow County. The fire is currently 110 acres and has burned east-northeast of Mount Haggin onto Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest land as well. The fire is under Montana DNRC wildfire protection. The area is remote and difficult to access, and initial firefighting resources consisted of DNRC helitack firefighters, a Type 2 helicopter, and smokejumpers. Helicopter bucket drops were used to minimize fire spread Sunday with firefighters working yesterday and today to identify opportunities for direct attack, building control line and extinguishing heat and flame directly adjacent to active fire.

A Type 3 Incident Management Team will take command of the fire Tuesday the 10th at 6 a.m.. Current resources on the fire include three engines (DNRC, Butte-Silver Bow Fire Department), one Type 2 hand crew, and one Type 2 DNRC helicopter, one Type 1 Helicopter. An additional Type 2 hand crew is enroute, and a Type 1 crew (Interagency Hotshot Crew) has been requested.

There are no structures threatened at this time, but the Continental Divide Trail is impacted and the public is asked to avoid the area and watch for possible area, road, and/or trail closures.

WEATHER

Blustery west to northwesterly winds are expected today with dry conditions persisting through Tuesday. Overnight humidity recoveries are expected to be poor through Wednesday before a major pattern change to wetter and cooler conditions begins. Ahead of the cooler weather pattern, the winds and low humidities increase concerns for elevated fire behavior.

EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

There are no evacuation warnings or orders issued at this time. A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the fire area and trail closures are being analyzed for public protection. Please visit Inciweb for updates.

Butte-Silver Bow County and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest are currently in Stage 1 fire restrictions. Residents and visitors are asked to be extra careful when outdoors to limit human caused sparks. Visit www.MTFireInfo.org for specific fire restriction information and fire prevention tips. ###