



Railroad Fire

Bitterroot National Forest

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-railroaddaly-fire>

September 1st, 2024

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

Start Date: 7/25/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: 160 acres

Completion/Containment: 0%

12 Total Personnel

CURRENT STATUS

The Railroad fire is currently assessed at 160 acres. Because of the steep and difficult terrain and high risk to responders, due to suppression difficulty and abundant snag hazards, suppression actions have been limited. However, crews did perform burnout operation on Friday and Saturday between the Bowles Creek fire scar and the 711 road to limit fire growth to the north, and to moderate severity in the railroad Creek drainage. Total acres burned were 40-60 acres with an additional 20-30 acres of ignition planned the coming days. After these operations the fire will have much less potential to spread north towards the Snotel site. Smoke will be visible at approximately 10:00 the morning from elevated points in the Skalkaho creek area and into the valley.

CLOSURES

Currently, there are road closures in effect.

HWY 38 (Skalkaho Hwy remains OPEN)

See InciWeb for map and details on area closure: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/mtbrf-railroaddaly-fire>

