



Railroad-Daly Fire

Bitterroot National Forest

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Information: 406-821-4249

September 4th, 2024

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

Start Date: 7/25/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: ~1,000 acres for Railroad & ~2,000 acres for Daly

Completion/Containment: 0%

18 Total Personnel

KEY MESSAGE

A portion of Skalkaho Hwy (Hwy 38) is closed to traffic (see details below). There is a temporary flight restriction in place over the fire area.

CURRENT STATUS

The Railroad fire is currently roughly 1,000 acres and the Daly fire is at roughly 2,000 acres (an infrared flight will be scheduled for tonight to get confirmed acreage). Because of the steep and difficult terrain and high risk to responders, suppression actions have been limited. Crews are spending today finishing wrapping the Gird Point Lookout tower and securing protection for the RAW (weather) Station. In addition, they are working on snagging operations along Hwy 38 (removing trees along the road to reduce risk of falling on the road) and checking bridges to ensure they are safe for traffic. Crews are also scouting and developing plans to address the fire's movement to the north.

WEATHER

Fire received some wetting rain on Tuesday. Lower relative humidity with some cooler temperatures expected today. Predicted weather may bring rain showers over the fire and moderate fire behavior. If fire does not receive wetting rains, moderate growth is expected.

CLOSURES

Because the Daly Fire exhibited increased fire behavior late on Monday night with fire crossing over the Skalkaho Hwy (Highway 38), an expanded Road Closure is in effect from Black Bear Campground on Skalkaho Hwy (Hwy 38) to the Skalkaho Pass. There are barricades in place, and Gird Point Lookout is closed.

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