



# Railroad-Daly Fire

Bitterroot National Forest

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Information: 406-403-7971

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Start Date:** 7/25/2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** 383 acres for Railroad & 1,867 acres for Daly

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

There was minimal growth on either the Daly or the Railroad fire, but with fuels drying out the fire has the potential to grow on all flanks. Crews are focused on point protection tactics in the immediate vicinity of the fire, and continue to manage risk by limiting exposure to firefighters and the public. Snagging operations along Hwy 38 will continue today. Today (9/6) fire crews plan to start burnout operations between the Railroad fire perimeter and the Daly Fire perimeter. Burnout operations allow fire managers to intentionally reduce the amount of unburned fuel between the two fires. These operations will also allow crews to protect the overstory by allowing a lower intensity fire across the landscape. Given the warming and drying weather conditions more active fire behavior is expected.

## WEATHER

The fire area is drying out from rain on September 3. Any thunderstorms, which are forecasted for the weekend, could cause outflow winds. A ridge of high pressure is building over the region, lasting through early next week. Temperatures will trend warmer with a return of intense thermal belts. A few showers and thunderstorms are possible by Sunday afternoon. Long term models show the ridge will most likely break down next week.

## 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>