



Sharrott Creek Fire

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

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Sunday, September 8, 2024

Northern Rockies Team 3, Incident Commander Mike Behrens

Location: Three miles west of Stevensville, Montana in Ravalli County

Start Date: 8/23/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: 3,018 Acres

Completion/Containment: 36 percent

Resources assigned: 499 people

KEY MESSAGES

- Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 5, Incident Commander Joe Sampson, will shadow NRCIMT 3 today and assume command of the Sharrott Creek Fire Monday at 6 a.m.

CURRENT STATUS

The fire's most intense heat is on the **western** flank, where it's advancing slowly into the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, currently burning at the head of Sharrott Creek.

Firefighters continue to cool hot spots and secure the head of the Larson Creek Drainage on the **northern perimeter**. Crews are backhauling hoses and pumps on the northeast side. On the **east perimeter**, control lines are complete and reflected on the fire map as black edge. Engines will continue to patrol that line.

On the **south**, crews are using water to cool hot spots from the most southern point of the fire west towards the St. Mary's Trailhead. Fire managers are optimistic about limiting the fire spread south. A rappel module remains near the St. Mary's Trail, digging handline to tie together natural control features.

Structure protection crews are almost done backhauling sprinkler system equipment from affected neighborhoods. They also have initial attack responsibilities. A small contingent of resources continue night patrol. During the day, helicopters are supporting ground operations with water drops as needed.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot and dry conditions will start the day with a chance for dry thunderstorms in the afternoon. Chances of precipitation increase through the end of the week.

SMOKE

For the current smoke reports, visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>

EVACUATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, CLOSURES

The Ravalli Co. Sheriff's Office has evacuation warnings in place for neighborhoods in the vicinity of the Sharrott Creek Fire. Download the Ravalli Co. Sheriff's Office app for information or call 406-375-6650. The Bitterroot NF has an area closure from North Fork Sweeney Creek to Sweathouse Creek. See <https://tinyurl.com/Sharrottclosure> for the order and map. There are temporary flight restrictions (TFR) over the fire area west of Highway 93 from Bass Creek to Big Creek.

