



# Railroad-Daly Fires



Bitterroot National Forest  
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest  
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[inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-railroaddaly-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-railroaddaly-fire)

**October 13, 2024**

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## Type 3 Incident Command Team, Incident Commander Matt Young

**Location:** Bitterroot NF: Railroad Creek/ Skalkaho Creek confluence, 26 miles southeast of Hamilton

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF: 20 Miles northwest of Georgetown Lake Dam off Skalkaho Hwy 38

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

**Cause:** Undetermined

**Daly Fire Acres:** 9,529 **Railroad Fire Acres:** 1,450 **Completion:** 56%

**Total Personnel:** 238

## CURRENT STATUS

Fire progressed to the southwest towards Skalkaho Hwy 38. Dozer and handline continued on the Gird/Skalkaho ridge. Firefighters continued firing off the dozer line creating a wide blackline in efforts to slow fires progression. Multiple helicopters aided firefighters during firing operations.

In the Stoney creek area, crews continued a shaded fuel break along Coal Creek Road and utilized a Chipper to minimize ground fuels. Structure protection will remain in place at this time.

## WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Continued high pressure is expected to bring warm and dry conditions with daily winds increasing through Wednesday. Temps are predicted to be 15-20 degrees above normal through early next week. Poor relative humidity recoveries can be expected with an increased potential of active fire growth.

There is a 50% Probability for at least 2" of snow over mountain passes by Friday morning.

## EVACUATIONS

On October 9, 2024 the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office issued an Evacuation Warning for residents off of Skalkaho Highway (1700-2500 block) due to the Railroad-Daly Fire. For more information on evacuations visit the [Ravalli County Sheriff Facebook page](#).

To register your phone number for emergency notifications in Ravalli County visit, <http://hyper-reach.com/mtravallisignup.html>.

## CLOSURES

For additional information on the Skalkaho Hwy 38 road closure visit [Montana Department of Transportation](#).

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has issued an Area/Road/Trail Closure effective October 4, 2024.

The Bitterroot National Forest has also issued a road closure effective October 10, 2024.

These order's are for public and firefighter safety during fire suppression efforts on the Fire.

Closure information and maps are posted on the Bitterroot and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests' website [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bdnf/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bdnf/alerts-notice) and [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bitterroot/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bitterroot/alerts-notice).

