



# Nevada Lake Fire

## Southwestern Land Office

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Fire Protection - Clearwater Unit  
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Area



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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-nevada-lake-fire>

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**Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10:30 am**

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**Location:** 8 miles east of Helmville, MT, 0.5 miles north of Nevada Lake

**Start Date:** 10/14/2024

**Cause:** Escaped Prescribed Burn

**Size:** 208 acres

**Containment:** 10%

79 Total Personnel; 5 Engines; 2 Helicopters; 2 Hand Crews; 3 Heavy Equipment

### CURRENT STATUS

The Nevada Lake Fire is currently 208 acres and burning in open grass and heavy timber on the Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and private land east of Helmville, Montana. The wildfire is the result of a FWP escaped prescribed burn ignited on Monday, October 14, north of Nevada Lake on the WMA. The burn was declared a wildfire when the prescribed fire escaped containment lines. The DNRC is managing the wildfire response.

On Thursday, October 17, resources completed line construction around the fire perimeter and continued “mop up” operations, or extinguishing all heat and hot spots close to the line to better secure it. Today, efforts will focus on reinforcing control line, with helicopters providing air support as needed. The fire is 10% contained, with containment measuring how much of the fire perimeter has been surrounded by control line that managers are confident fire will not progress across.

Several days of work are anticipated to secure unburned areas of fuel within the fire perimeter and complete mop-up operations in burned sections near the control lines.

### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

The fire did receive rain on Thursday which helped dampen fire behavior and aided firefighters as they worked to increase fire containment. Gradual warming and drying will occur today and into the weekend, accompanied by variable winds less than 10 mph. Cooler temperatures and scattered showers are expected for Monday.

### EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

There are no evacuations or closures, but the public is asked to avoid the area. Area residents should be vigilant and remain prepared. For updates, visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-nevada-lake-fire> and monitor the Powell County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

For tips on being prepared for wildfire, please visit <https://www.mtfireinfo.org/pages/preparedness>.