

# **Banana Lake Fire**

#### **Northwest Land Office**

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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# June 1, 2025

Location: 4 miles north of Plains, MT Start Date: 5/31/2025 Cause: Unknown; Size: 850 acres Completion/Containment: 0% Resources on scene: 17 Engines; 2 Helicopters; 2 Type 2 Hand Crews; 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew; 1 10-Person Module; 3 Dozers; 1 Skidgen; and 3 Water Tenders

## **KEY MESSAGE**

#### There are currently no evacuation orders in place for the fire.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

Yesterday, May 31, at 4:25 p.m. a fire was reported near Banana Lake, 4 miles north of Plains, MT. DNRC Plains Unit and local government resources responded. The fire is located between Locust Hill and Highway 28. Resources worked through the night doing structure protection. The fire saw moderate behavior overnight.

Today June 1, multiple resources have arrived on scene and will be working to construct containment line around the fire. The fire is currently 850 acres. Fire behavior is moderate and burning in open timber with frequent torching and spotting during the heat of the day. The fire is still currently under investigation and smoke will be seen in the area over the next few days. Please avoid the area to allow firefighters safe access.

An IMT3 (Incident Management Type 3 Team) has been ordered and will arrive tonight for in-briefing tomorrow morning.

## WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Clear and sunny skies are expected with west winds varying between 5-15 mph. Daily temperatures will be in the mid to upper 70s with minimum humidity at 18-28 percent. No precipitation is forecasted.

## **EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES**

There are currently no evacuation or closure orders in effect.

