



Jericho Mountain Fire

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/mthlf-jericho-mountain-fire>

Friday, June 20, 2025

Location: approximately 5 miles south of Macdonald Pass off Highway 12 (Powell County)

Start Date: reported 06/15/2025 around 9:30 a.m.

Cause: Lightning **Size:** ~351 acres

Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 250

Resources: 8 Crews; 3 Dozers; 2 Scoopers; 2 Heavy Helicopters; 4 Skidders; 3 Skidgine, 4 Feller Bunchers; 4 Masticators; 6 Engines; 1 Ambulance

KEY MESSAGE:

Crews and heavy equipment will take advantage of the recent weather change to look for more opportunities to work directly on the fires edge. They will continue line construction and improvement west of Minnehaha Road, along the Continental Divide, and north of Jericho Mountain. Airtanker scoopers and heavy helicopters will continue to work along the fires edge.

A structure protection group for the town of Rimini is planning and preparing for enhanced structure protection in the event of increased fire activity in the area.

As always, protecting public and firefighter safety remains the top priority, along with safeguarding homes, structures, and critical infrastructure. Firefighters continue working to fully contain the Jericho Mountain Fire, despite challenges from heavy deadfall, steep terrain, and limited access.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Thursday evening's rain has lessened fire behavior. A strong weather system moving over the Northern Rockies will continue to bring showers and thunderstorms to the area over the next several days. As the weekend approaches, storms will become more steady and less intense, temperatures dropping well below normal. However, the heavy dead down trees will remain unseasonably dry.

EVACUATION WARNING

Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office has issued an evacuation warning for residents on Rimini Road and all feeder roads south of Bear Gulch Road. Find additional information here:

<https://www.lccountymt.gov/Sheriff>.



CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

A road, trail and area closure order is in place to protect the public due to the wildfire and active fire suppression efforts. Details of the closure order as well as re-route directions for Continental Divide National Scenic Trail hikers can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/helena-lewisclark/alerts/jericho-mountain-fire-helena-ranger-district>

Please continue to be vigilant when recreating on the Forest. Check current weather conditions and fire activity before planning an outing.

