

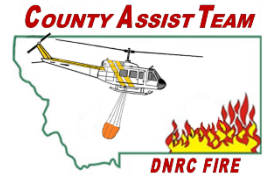


Windy Rock Fire

Fire Information:

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/mtmts-windy-rock-fire>



August 22, 2025, at 10:00 am

DNRC County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton

Location: 15 Miles NE of Drummond, MT

Start Date: 8/14/2025

Cause: Lightning **Size:** 1,957 acres

Containment: 0%

Resources on Site: 366 personnel: 11 engines; 6 hand crews; 4 helicopters; 7 water tenders; 16 heavy equipment

KEY MESSAGES

Firefighter and public safety remain the top priority while implementing a safe, aggressive full suppression strategy for both the Windy Rock and Devil Mountain fires using both direct and indirect tactics and minimizing impacts to private land when possible. The Windy Rock and Devil Mountain Fires are being managed as one incident under the County Assist Team. Size reflects combined acreage of both fires.

A public meeting will be held at the Helmville Community Center, at 7 p.m. today, August 22.

CURRENT STATUS + PLANNED ACTIONS:

Yesterday, firefighters conducted structure assessments and protection in communities surrounding the fire area. Aviation resources provided aerial support in the most active areas and on spot fires outside of the perimeter. Very large air tankers (VLATS) were effective in slowing the rate of spread to the northwest of the Devil Mountain Fire, allowing ground crews to engage in direct suppression efforts today.

Crews also worked to create shaded fuel breaks, by cutting small conifer trees, to the south and southeast of the fire along, improving existing road systems to serve as indirect control lines.

Today, crews are continuing to work with heavy equipment to establish and improve indirect control lines, utilizing roads and natural barriers wherever possible. Aviation resources remain available to provide aerial support as needed.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Yesterday's warm, windy conditions led to increased fire spread and several spot fires across the area. Today, the forecast calls for sunny and breezy weather, with east-northeast winds of 5-13 mph and gusts up to 25 mph near ridgetops. Cooler temperatures in the low 70s and slightly higher relative humidity, up to 30%, are expected.

EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a closure order for BLM public lands in the fire area. Visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/mtmts-windy-rock-fire> for a map and list of closed areas.

