







Windy Rock Fire Update

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InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtmts-windy-rock-fire

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DNRC County Assist Team, Incident Commander David Hamilton

Location: 15 Miles NE of Drummond, Montana

Start Date: August 14, 2025 | Cause: Lightning | Acres: 6,175 | Containment: 82% | Personnel: 293

Key Message: The cooperating agencies wish to extend their appreciation to the affected communities for their patience, understanding, and ongoing support as they worked to manage the fire safely and effectively. The DNRC County Assist Team will transition the incident to the DNRC Anaconda Unit on Sunday, October 5. This will be the final daily update.

Planned Actions: Weather permitting, over the next two days, remaining crews will work to meet their respective suppression repair objectives, including grass seeding, repairing handlines, and backhauling equipment. A Type 4 Incident Commander from the Anaconda Unit will coordinate ongoing suppression repair activities. Firefighter personnel and equipment will be active in the area through the fall. Expect to see smoke, as the fire will continue to burn within the perimeter of established control lines until the area receives significant, repeated precipitation. A BLM Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team will be working in the area next week to assess post-fire effects and produce a plan outlining actions necessary to mitigate damage resulting from the fire. The goal of the BAER Team will be to establish cost effective post-fire stabilization measures necessary to protect human life, property, and critical natural and cultural resources from further damage and to start the process of recovery.

Weather: Friday and Saturday will bring steady rain at times before rain transitions to rain and snow mixed or even all snow by Saturday night. A slushy inch or two is possible over the fire before snow tapers off Sunday midday.

Closures: A closure order for BLM-managed lands in the fire area remains in effect for public lands impacted by the fire and suppression repair activities. Visit https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/ to see a map of the closure area. Road closures remain in place for portions of Brock Creek, Braziel Creek, Warm Spring Creek, and Carten Creek roads.

- For up to date information on the closure, visit <u>facebook.com/BLMMontana</u> or the Missoula Field Office website: <u>blm.gov/office/missoula-field-office</u>
- For questions about operations, contact DNRC Anaconda Unit Manager Craig Hansen at (406) 563-6078

Flight Restrictions: The Temporary Flight Restriction that was in place over the fire has been lifted.