

Fire Information – Hay Creek Complex

Flathead National Forest

Saturday, August 2, 2014 8:00 AM

The following fires are burning on the Glacier View Ranger District, in the Flathead National Forest. The fires will be managed with full suppression tactics, with fire fighter and public safety as a priority.

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Creeping fire activity on the Akinkoka Fire

FIRE SUMMARY: Multiple fires started on the Glacier View Ranger District following a series of lightning storms on July 29-30th. The fires are being managed as a fire complex. The fire is burning in heavy timber, in steep, rough terrain. The fire behavior is single and group tree torching with occasional spotting. The fire complex consists of a total of 17 acres, with approximately 20% contained. Multiple resources are assigned to the fire including five 20-man crews, 3 helicopters, and a local Type 3 management team, for a total of approximately 130 people. These resources are being shared across all the fires in this area. There are no area or trail closures at this time. (NOTE: The Tuchuck Fire, Moose Creek Fire and the Johnson Creek Fire have all been controlled and contained.)

Yesterday, the fire area received spotty precipitation and lightning. Today, fire fighters will continue with suppression strategy for the fires. Plans have been made to be prepared for initial attack on new fire starts.

SPECIAL MESSAGE: A helibase is set up at Moran Meadows area. These helicopters are shuttling personnel and supplies to and from the fires, as well as providing water drops on the fire as needed. *FOR THE YOUR SAFETY AND THE FIRE FIGHTERS SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON THE ROAD WAY OR WALK OUT ON TO THE HELIBASE.*

Akinkoka Creek Fire

SIZE: 7 acres

ASSIGNED RESOURCES: Flathead Hotshots, Flathead Interagency Type 2 Crew

LOCATION: South side of Akinkoka Peak. T36, R23W, Section 36. Lat: 48° 50.124 Long: 114° 30.432

UPDATE: Fire line is constructed around the fire; however rolling debris is causing a hazard and quick response from the fire fighters to keep the fire in check. Mop up work is continuing.

Hay Creek Fire

SIZE: 8 acres

ASSIGNED RESOURCES: Lolo Hotshots, Great Northern Type 2 Crew

LOCATION: 2 miles N of Coal Creek. T34N, R22W, Section 5. Lat: 48° 47.250 Long: 114° 30.378

UPDATE: Fire line construction is close to completion. Mop up work is continuing.

Mathias Fire

SIZE: 2 acres

ASSIGNED RESOURCES: Bitterroot Hotshots

LOCATION: ¾ mile North of Mathias Creek. T34N, R22W, Section 5. Lat: 48° 39.516 Long: 114° 28.626

UPDATE: Mop up work is continuing.