



# MISSOULA INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

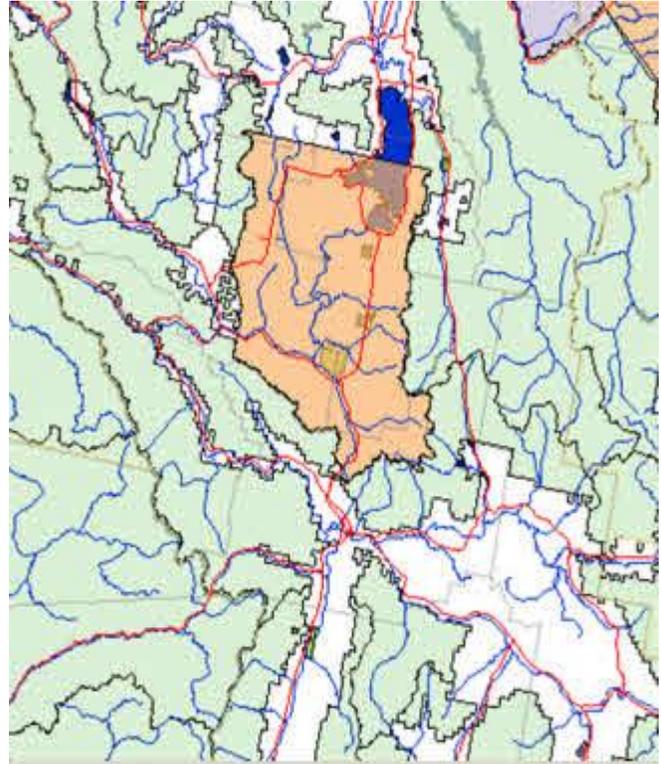
## AM SITUATION REPORT

July 24th, 2013 @ 11:00

### PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

Local	GACC	Nat'l
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Current Fire Danger</b>				
<b>Very High</b>				
FDRA	Indices	Value	Percentile	Local Fire Danger
	Lolo East (FM:G)	ERC	63	
	BI	61	89	
Lolo West (FM:G)	ERC	66	96	<b>Extreme</b>
	BI	66	95	
Clearwater (FM:G)	ERC	57	N/A	<b>Very High</b>
	BI	49	N/A	
HotSprings (FM:G)	ERC	63	N/A	<b>Extreme</b>
	BI	70	N/A	



24 Hours [Lightning Report](#) 1100-1100

<u>Detection Flights for Today</u>	East Zone	West Zone	SWLO
	<b>07G</b>	<b>9RC</b>	<b>12B</b>
	AOBS: H.Maloney AOBS(T): D.Farmer		AOBS: R. Marks
	Missoula RD only	None Scheduled	On request

<u>Duty Officers</u>	Lolo NF	L. Ward	SWLO	M. Kopitzke
	Missoula RD	M. Gibson (7/23)	Missoula Unit	K. Parks (7/23)
	Nine Mile RD	Hayes / Robinson (Alt.)	Clearwater Unit	C. Calnan
	Seeley Lake RD	K. Wolferman	Lincoln IA	B. Cyr
	Plains RD	S. Schrenk	Anaconda Unit	M. Meyer
	Superior RD	Cotter	Garrison IA	M. Meyer
	Mission V. Helitack	E. Day	DNRC Helitack	M. Nanke
	LNF FAO	R. Warren	Plains Unit	Peters



## Weather Discussion



Fire Weather Forecast for Western MT & N Central ID NWS Missoula MT 415 AM MDT Wed Jul 24 2013

**...WARM AND EXTREMELY DRY THROUGH END OF THIS WEEK...**

**DISCUSSION...** The warm and dry pattern currently over the Northern Rockies will continue through the end of this week. Low elevations will continue to experience upslope afternoon breezes and humidity as low as single digit percentages. Mid and high clouds over central Idaho and southwest Montana will have a slight cool effect through the end of the week.

Isolated high-based dry thunderstorms are anticipated Thursday and Friday afternoons, mainly across central Idaho and southwest Montana. Confidence is still relatively low about storms developing, however any storm that forms will likely produce dry lightning, erratic wind gusts, and little to no rainfall.

Cooler and slightly higher daytime humidity expected from this weekend through middle of next week.

Click [HERE](#) to view Fire Weather Zone Maps



# INCIDENT SUMMARY

## Lolo NF

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Incident Name</u>	<u>Size (Acres)</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7/15	LNF D3	Gold Creek	170	L	78% Contained	T15N,R17W,S5	ICT2:Benes
7/14	LNF D7	West Mullan	6300	H	60% Contained	T17N,R26W,S20	ICT2:Heintz
7/8	LNF D4	Black Bear	80	L	On Patrol	T15N,R24W,S36	ICT3(T):Hayes

## DNRC

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Incident Name</u>	<u>Size (Acres)</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7/22	DNRC MSO	Stimpson	6	H	Controlled	T13N,R18W,S22	ICT4:L.Turner

## CSKT

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Incident Name</u>	<u>Size (Acres)</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7/24	CSKT	Clairmont Road	.10	H	On Patrol	T21N,R20W,S12	
7/24	CSKT	Camas	.5	H	On Patrol	T19N,R24W,S4	Started by a combine
7/24	CSKT	Meadowlark	.10	H	On Patrol	T24N,R21W,S29	Started by fireworks, Big Arm area.
7/23	CSKT	Mission Falls	.50	L	Extended IA	T18N,R18W,S8	ICT4: D. Clairmont
7/13	CSKT	Hog Heaven	62	L	On Patrol	T25N,R22W,S16	

See Live Incident Activity, retrieve management codes, and read past activity at Missoula Dispatch's WildWEB

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## Area Discussion:

**Agencies within MCFPA raised the Fire Danger to Very High, Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.**

**Effective midnight July 31st, the South West MT Zone will go into Stage I Fire Restrictions.**

The Tribe (CSKT) had 3 new starts last night, all of them Human caused and on patrol this morning. The Mission Falls fire is being managed for suppression – point protection due to its location. It is in a very difficult to access area. The plan for now is to keep it between the rocks and Mission Falls with air support as needed until safe to insert fire personnel.

**Missoula Unit (MSO): Stimpson: 6 acres; controlled; cause under investigation; ICT4: L.Turner; 1 engine assigned.**

**Gold Creek (D3): 170 acres; lightning; 78% contained; ICT2: Benes; A Type 3 organization will work with the Type 2 Team on Wednesday 7/24. Transfer of command to Type 3 organization will occur at 0600 on Thursday 7/25.**

**Fire behavior yesterday: Creeping and smoldering. Isolated active surface fire occurred within the interior unburned islands.**

**The south half is in patrol status. Mop-up operations continue on the north half of the fire.**

**Closures: Gold Creek Trailhead and West Fork Gold Creek Trailhead will be closed. The area closure extends to all areas west of Gold Creek Road, north of Trail #52 (Prim Lake Trail) and east of the main Rattlesnake Recreation Corridor. Trail #504 (Porcupine Ridge Trail) is closed. Trail #52 and trails south of the Rattlesnake vicinity are open. The closure also borders trail #515 accessing the headwaters of Rattlesnake Creek; this trail is open. Forest Road #126 will remain closed at Cow Creek Gate (approx. 7 miles in), the West Fork of Gold Creek Trailhead (Rd #4323) at the junction of Rd #4323 and Rd #2103 is currently closed. This is approx. 6 miles to West Fork of Gold Cr. T.H.**

**West Mullan (D7): 6300 acres; human caused; 60% contained; ICT2: Heintz.**

**Fire behavior yesterday: Ground fire with 5-10 foot flame lengths was observed in the northeast corner of the fire. Little fire behavior was observed on the rest of the fire, with unburned areas smoldering and creeping.**

**Objectives: Contain the fire on the north and south by the Clark Fork River, Keystone Creek on the west, and the ridge system on the east side of Johnson Creek. Prioritize the southern boundary to protect private property values and structures.**

**Flat Creek Road outside the city limit remains closed and under mandatory evacuation. Pardee Creek, Keystone Creek, and LaVista Roads remain closed and under mandatory evacuation. Big Eddy Fishing Access is closed.**

**Iron Mountain Trail 242 (known as Cascade Falls Trail) from above the falls to the junction with Forest Service Road 97 and National Forest System Trail 51(known as Ninemile Divide Trail). The Clark Fork River remains closed to the public from Big Eddy Fishing access to Sloway Campground. Vista Trail north of Superior is closed to public access.**