



Northern Rockies Coordination Group Northwest Montana Zone

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Recent Lightning Ignites Several Fires in Northwest Montana

Recent lightning activity has ignited several wildland fires across Northwest Montana.

Initial attack suppression responses have been successful in containing these fires to less than one acre each. Three lightning-caused fires on the Flathead National Forest and one lightning-caused fire in Glacier National Park are being managed as wildland fire-use fires.

Firefighters responded to two fires on the Swan Lake Ranger District and five fires on the Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger Districts of the Flathead National Forest and within 24 hours had the fires under control. Each fire ranged in size between a tenth and a quarter acre. The Tally Lake Ranger District responded to one human-caused fire over the weekend which was controlled within 24 hours of it being identified.

The Wildrose Wildland Fire on Wildrose Mountain in the Great Bear Wilderness, approximately two miles southwest of the Three Forks area, is approximately two acres and will be managed as a wildland fire use fire.

The Shale Mountain Wildland Fire, located in the Bob Marshall Wilderness approximately five miles Northeast of Big Prairie, is estimated to be less than one acre and will be managed as a wildland fire use fire.

The high elevation Triangle Fire located in the Great Bear Wilderness, ten air miles northeast of Hungry Horse, MT in the upper reaches of Great Bear Creek is estimated less than one acre in size and will be also be managed as a wildland fire use fire.

Two fires sparked by lightning were detected in Glacier National Park. The Rising Sun Fire on the east side of the park was successfully contained at approximately a tenth of an acre and the Meteka Fire is being managing as a wildland fire use fire. The Meteka Wildand Fire is located between the Camas Road and the Inside North Fork Road and is estimated to be less than one acre.

Local fire departments have also responded to several fire starts, including some human-caused fires, and have successfully contained and controlled these fires. Fire management agencies are continuing detection efforts and the public is encouraged to contact their local fire department or public land management office to report smoke or fire.

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