



Northern Rockies Coordination Group Northwest Montana Zone

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife
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Flathead County

Lake County

Lincoln County

Sanders County

Several Fire Starts in Northwest Montana Zone

More than 25 fire starts resulting from recent lightning activity across Northwest Montana are being responded to by Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, Glacier National Park, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and rural fire departments in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders Counties.

Most of the fires are small in size, with the largest at approximately 10 acres on the Kootenai National Forest, approximately 10 miles Northwest of Libby.

The 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.

Prior to the Tuesday night's lightning, the agencies and rural fire departments responded to several suspected human-caused fires. These fires were suspected to be from abandoned campfires, discarded cigarettes and incidents related to agricultural activities and huckleberry picking.

Stage I Fire Restrictions continue for Northwest Montana, including all lands within Flathead and Lincoln Counties, plus that portion of Lake County outside the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Lands, plus all lands administered by the Kootenai National Forest, Flathead National Forest and Glacier National Park. These administrative boundaries include portions of Sanders County, west of Whitepine, Glacier, Missoula and Powell Counties.

Anyone causing a wildfire can be held financially responsible for damages and the cost of putting out that fire.

For more information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/> or contact a local Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation or National Park Service Office or your local fire department.