

## News Release

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### Fire Investigators Seeking Help

Missoula, MT – Local, State and Federal law enforcement and land managers have established a joint phone number for anyone with fire start information. Contact (406)396-4168. The phone will be staffed beginning Friday morning from 6am until midnight, 7 days per week.

Officers are asking for assistance in their on-going investigation of recent fire starts near Interstate 90. They are looking for information on two fires currently:

#### I-90 Fire west of Missoula:

Investigators want to interview a possible witness described as a white male in his 30s driving a Subaru Outback with Washington license plates. He was driving westbound on I-90 and had pulled between over at the Sloway exit between 5 and 6 pm on Thursday Aug. 4. He may have had a dog; possibly a Labrador retriever. He may have a brother in Missoula.

Investigators believe the fire is the result of some type of vehicle malfunction and want to talk with this possible witness or anyone else who may have information on the fire start.

#### Gold Creek Fire:

Investigators are seeking information on the driver of a two-tone, blue or black GMC pickup, possibly with a silver stripe. Idaho license plates. This person is wanted in connection with the Gold Creek fire discovered and suppressed Aug. 9 around 9am.

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**LINKS and OTHER RELATED MATERIAL:** The Northern Region incident information website is: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/information/information>