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Firefighters Responding to Fire on Private Land

Missoula, MT. – A wildfire on private land near Obrien Creek and about two miles northwest of Maclay Flat was reported to dispatchers today at 2 p.m. and firefighters from the Lolo National Forest, Missoula Rural Fire Department, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation are currently suppressing the fire.

The fire -- about five acres -- began on private land is currently burning on private land. It is not associated with the prescribed fire burned yesterday by the Lolo National Forest at Blue Mountain. The Lolo National Forest is not conducting prescribed burning today due to windy conditions. The Blue Mountain prescribed fire is not active but is currently staffed by Lolo NF firefighters who are monitoring the fire perimeter.

Resources sent to the Obrien Creek fire include five engines, approximately 12 firefighters, and one excavator. A helicopter has also been ordered.

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