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O'Brien Creek Fire Contained

Missoula, MT. – Firefighters have established a line around the perimeter of the O'Brien Creek Fire and the fire has been declared 100 percent contained, though hot spots remain within the perimeter the fire. The fire is not yet controlled due to the hot spots and potential for fire activity. Approximately 15 firefighters are currently staffing the fire. A resource order for two crews placed yesterday has been cancelled

Firefighters are expected to remain on the fire through the weekend to mop-up, extinguish hot spots, and monitor the fire. The O'Brien Creek Road remains closed in the vicinity of the fire, but local residents are being allowed access.

Higher humidity and rain today kept fire activity minimal. Firefighters also made good progress on the fire last night, establishing initial fire line around the perimeter, which they continued to improve today.

Fire activity was active yesterday with gusty winds pushing the fire to the northeast. Fire crews focused their efforts on the west and east flanks to keep the fire from reaching Haggerty Gulch, where private homes are located. No structures are currently threatened.

The wildfire started Wednesday on private land near O'Brien Creek, about two miles northwest of Maclay Flat. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The O'Brien Creek fire was not associated with the prescribed fire burned Tuesday by the Lolo National Forest at Blue Mountain.

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