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New Fire Start in the Mission Mountains Wilderness

KALISPELL, MONTANA – September 26, 2015 –The Cedar Peak Fire was detected on September 24 in the northern end of the Mission Mountains Wilderness, east of Cedar Lake and about 5 miles west of State Highway 83. The fire is currently estimated at 100 acres in size, burning in remote, rocky and steep terrain.

Fire managers believe the fire was started by lightning from a storm a couple weeks ago, with the fire remaining dormant until this week's warmer, drier weather stirred up fire activity. Helicopters are being used to drop water on the fire to slow fire activity and help keep it from moving to the north and east outside the wilderness boundary.

With firefighter safety as a key concern and due to the fire's location in remote, steep terrain with limited access and no immediate values at risk, the fire is being managed to play its natural, ecological role in the wilderness area.

Forest visitors are encouraged to avoid using Trail #738 between the Fatty Creek Trailhead and Cedar Lake.

For more information visit, <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4617/>

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