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Cardinal Creek Wildland Fire in Bob Marshall Wilderness

The Flathead National Forest is managing the Cardinal Creek Wildland Fire in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, approximately 18 miles southeast of Condon, Montana. The fire was reported Sunday afternoon (July 25). Aerial monitoring conducted the evening of Monday, July 26, indicates the fire is approximately 1,200 acres.

The fire is actively burning on the west and north sides of Kid Mountain above Gordon Creek, and in the drainage divide between Gordon Creek and Youngs Creek on the Spotted Bear Ranger District.

The Flathead National Forest is managing the fire for multiple objectives, including public and firefighter safety, allowing the natural role of fire in wilderness and protecting values at risk.

For safety reasons, several trails in the area are temporarily closed. They include:

- Gordon Creek Trail #35 (from Westside Trail #263 to Shaw Creek Trail #212),
- Cardinal Creek Trail #506,
- Cardinal Peak Trail #136,
- Kid Mountain Trail #628,
- Pilot Peak (Fossil Mountain) Trail #128, and
- Cabin Creek Trail #205.

The fire is burning in heavy timber, with a large component of down and dead fuels. Smoke is visible from the Seeley Lake area in the Swan Valley, and from Augusta and Choteau along the eastern side of the continental divide. Recent lightning in the area is suspected to be the cause of the fire.

Please visit www.inciweb.org for more information about the Cardinal Creek Wildland Fire, and other wildland fires and incidents across the country. For information about trail access in the fire area, please contact the Spotted Bear Ranger District at 758-5376.

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