



FACT SHEET

41 Complex Fire

September 17, 2011 – 7 a. m. Update

Fire Information Incident Center: (406) 375-8123 or (406) 375-8125, 7:00 am to 10:00pm

The Fire Trailer will be at the Farmers Market in Hamilton from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and @ Canyon View Church, 195 Skalkaho Highway from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.inciweb.org/incident/2544

What: 41 Complex Fire

Started: August 28, 2011 at 9 p.m.

Location: Sapphire Mountains 10 miles east of Hamilton, Montana

Jurisdiction: Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest

Cooperating Agencies: Forest Service, Ravalli County, Ravalli RFD's, Ravalli County Sheriff, Montana Dept of Emergency Services, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Current size:	41 Fire - 105 acres	Containment:	41 Fire - 100%
	Up Top - 9,631 acres		Up Top - 20%
	Coyote		Coyote
	Meadows - 1,466 acres		Meadows - 0%
	Fox Peak - 278 acres		Fox Peak - 0%
	TOTAL - 11,480 acres		

Costs To Date: \$4,421,748

Resources on Fire: 323 people are assigned to the fire, including 10 crews, 5 engines, 2 helicopters, 4 water tenders and 1 dozer.

****Forest Closure Announcement****

Yesterday, Bitterroot National Forest, Forest Supervisor Julie King announced a change in two closures which were in place because of the 41 Complex Fires on the Darby Ranger District.

The Fox Peak Fire closure has been rescinded which re-opens areas in the Sapphire Mountains south of Signal Rock including trails #313 and 503;

Only part of the Coyote Meadows closure has been lifted: approximately 2.5 miles of Skalkaho Rye Road #75, has been opened. Other areas re-opened include Two Bear Meadows, God's Little Acre Meadows and several areas east of trail # 87. Trail 87 remains closed. To see the new Coyote Meadows closure area map and for other closure information on remaining areas of the forest as a result of the 41 Complex Fires, visit www.inciweb.org/incident/2544

Today's Activity: Firefighters will continue mop-up on the northwest, west and southwest sides of the Up Top fire to protect private property to the west. The fire line is now tied into the Skalkaho Highway on the southwest side of the fire.

While some firefighting resources are being released, other crews and equipment will remain on the fire when management is turned back to the Bitterroot National Forest on Tuesday.

Skalkaho Highway remains closed to the public because the fire has burned down to, and crossed, the road. Snags, rolling rocks and fire adjacent to the road are serious safety hazards that firefighters still have to deal with before the road can be opened. Sprinkler systems remain in place around Skalkaho Falls as well as Mud Lake and Crystal Creek campgrounds on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

The Coyote Meadows and Fox Peak fires remain unstaffed and showed very little fire activity today.

Special Messages: Smoke may return to settle in the Bitterroot Valley towards the end of next week. Contact Ravalli County Public Health @ 375-6577 or www.todaysair.mt.gov for additional information. The public can view photographs of the 41 Complex Fire and other information at www.inciweb.org.

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The temporary flight restriction over the fire area has been lifted.

Greg Poncin's Northern Rockies Incident Management Team is managing the fires.