



**Flathead National Forest**  
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## **Flathead National Forest Wildfire Update**

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**Prisoner Lake Fire:** The 3,024 acres fire is burning in very steep rocky terrain at high elevation within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. The Forest Service is actively working to confine and suppress the fire. Numerous natural barriers of rock surround much of the fire and these natural barriers have held the fire, although there are a few spots to the west and the northeast. There has been no significant growth within the past 24 hours.

**Condon Mountain Fire:** The 15 acre fire is burning in very steep rocky terrain at high elevation, and is visible from the Swan Highway in the Condon area. The Forest Service is actively working to confine and suppress the fire. Due to the steep, rocky and dangerous terrain where the fire is burning, direct attack is being performed from the air. Ground crews and heavy equipment are constructing fire lines to contain the fire.

**Bar Creek Fire:** A new fire was detected late Tuesday, July 31, about 35 miles southeast of Condon, MT. When detected the fire was 1/10 of an acre, but it increased in size this afternoon to 70 acres and continues to burn to the north and east. The fire is burning in dead lodgepole pine stands. It burning about a quarter-mile from the Elbow Pass Complex and may combine with that fire.

**Gunsight Rock Fire:** This was a new .1 acre start that was detected today, August 1, about 12 miles northeast of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station. Firefighters quickly got a line around the fire and are starting mop up.

There are numerous trail closures due the current dangers posed by the wildfires. For details please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/flathead/news-events/?cid=STELPRDB5383372>

For specific information on closures, pictures and maps, visit InciWeb, <http://www.inciweb.org/>.

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