

# STONEWALL FIRE

## FIRE INFORMATION FACT SHEET

**Date:** August 29, 2012

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Information Officer:** Kathy Bushnell, 406-422-7164

**Incident:** Stonewall Fire

**Detected/Reported:** August 27, 2012

**Cause:** Lightning

**Location:** T15N, R9W, Section 23, approximately one mile south of the Stonewall Lookout and 5 miles north of Lincoln, Montana on the Helena National Forest-Lincoln Ranger District

**Incident Commanders:** Jay Lindgren, Beau Macy (Trainee)

**Approximate Size:** 12 acres (*Main fire is 10 acres with an established 2-acre spot fire to the northeast*)

**Containment:** 50%

### **Fire Update:**

With the assistance from helicopter water drops yesterday, fire crews were able to make significant progress in the containment and mop-up of the Stonewall Fire yesterday. The fire remains at about 12 acres and is now 50% contained. Today, crews will continue to do saw work, dig fireline around the rest of the perimeter, mop-up and grid for any other spot fires around the area. Helicopters are available to assist, if needed.

The fire was ignited by lightning from a thunderstorm that came through the area at about 3 p.m. on Monday, and is located on the Helena National Forest-Lincoln Ranger District about a mile south of the Stonewall Lookout.

A Red Flag Warning is still in effect until midnight tonight for gusty winds that could impact fire behavior. Today, temperatures could reach the mid-70s and relative humidity levels at 17-22% with gusty west winds at 10-20 mph and gusts up to 35 mph.

Although many people are already assigned to fires, Lincoln Ranger District personnel continue to prepare for any additional fire reports and initial attack responses that may occur.

**Fire danger level:** High

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