

Fire Information – Hay Creek Complex

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Flathead National Forest

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FINAL FIRE UPDATE: This will be the final update and fire summary for the Hay Creek Complex. In all, 12 fires resulting from lightning strikes made up the Hay Creek Complex. These fires ranged in size from 0.1 acres to 8 acres. Due to the close proximity of these fires, the fires were managed as a fire complex. A fire complex is formed when more than one fire is burning within the same geographic area and is managed using the same resources. All of the fires were burning in heavy timber, in steep, rough terrain not easily accessible that created problems for both firefighter safety and firefighting operations. The fire behavior began as single and group tree torching with occasional spotting and is presently smoldering and smoking in stump holes and any duff that is present. The total acreage of the fire complex is 23 acres, with



Helicopter dropping water on the Stony Fire

approximately 90% contained. Multiple interagency resources were assigned to the fire including 3 Interagency Hotshot crews (Bitterroot IHC, Flathead IHC & Lolo IHC), 2 twenty-person hand crews (Flathead, based out of Flathead National Forest & Great Northern based out of Condon), 4 helicopters, 1 helitack crew from Helena, 1 Type 6 engine from Coronado National Forest in AZ, and a local Type 3 interagency management team pulled together from many different cooperating local, state and federal agencies. (The Type 3 IMTs are a relatively new concept and will be in operation more as the fire season progresses.) At the height of operations, there was a total of approximately 145 people. A helibase was set up at Moran Meadows to provide closer access for the helicopters to shuttle cargo and personnel to the fire locations. These resources were shared across all the fires in this area. Additionally, the Flathead National Forest initially deployed 1 Type 6 engine for suppression attack when the first fires were detected. The ability to pull all of these resources from the different agencies and the availability of these resources allowed us to suppress these remote fires quickly and efficiently keeping the total acreage burned to only 23 acres. There were no area or trail closures during this time as all of the fires were in remote locations.

On 8/5/14 at 8:00 PM, the Hay Creek Complex will be turned over to the Glacier View/Hungry Horse Ranger District managers who will continue with any patrol. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Flathead National Forest GVHH District Office in Hungry Horse at (406) 387-3867.

Fire Status

Akinkoka – Size: 8 acres Location: Lat. 48° 50.124, Long. 114° 30.432 Status: Contained and controlled.

Hay Creek – Size: 8 acres Location: Lat. 48° 44.040, Long. 114° 27.744 Status: Contained and controlled, in patrol status.

Mathias – Size: 2 acres Location: Lat. 48° 47.256, Long. 114° 30.378 Status: Contained and controlled.

Tuchuck – Size: 0.1 acres Location: Lat. 48° 58.572, Long. 114° 37.494 Status: Contained and controlled.

Johnson Creek – Size: 0.1 acres Location: 48° 58.356, Long. 114° 28.374 Status: Contained and controlled.

Link Lake 1 – Size: 0.1 acres Location: Lat. 48° 45.822 Long. 114° 34.290 Status: Contained and controlled.

Link Lake 2 – Size: 0.1 acres Location: Lat. 48° 45.822 Long. 114° 34.134 Status: Contained and controlled.

Mt Young 1 – Size: 0.25 acres Location: Lat. 48° 48.096 Long. 114° 37.860 Status: Contained and controlled.

Mt Young 2 – Size: 0.25 acres Location: Lat. 48° 47.646 Long. 114° 39.498 Status: Contained and controlled.

Stony – Size: 0.25 acres Location: Lat. 48° 47.556 Long. 114° 34.218 Status: Contained and controlled.

Antley Creek – Size: 0.1 acres Location: Lat. 48° 54.852 Long. 114° 34.410 Status: Contained and controlled.

Moose Creek – Size: 0.1 acres Location: Lat. 48° 50.106 Long. 114° 26.172 Status: Contained and controlled.