
Livingston Ranger District News Release



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New Fire Starts on the Gallatin National Forest

Livingston, MT... The Wicked Creek fire was discovered late last night on the Gallatin National Forest. The fire is burning close to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness border, approximately 12 miles up Mill Creek in the Paradise Valley, south of Livingston, Montana and has grown considerably during the past few hours. The Wicked Creek fire began as two fires located approximately 1.5 miles apart that have burned together and is approximately 100 acres in size.

The fire is burning about 2 miles south of Templed Hills Church Camp and 2.5 miles south and east of Snowbank Campground. It is burning in grass and timber and is being pushed north/northeast by strong and gusty winds. A pre-evacuation notice has been issued by Park County Sheriff's Department for the Mill Creek drainage from where the pavement ends on Mill Creek road (approximately 5 miles southeast from Highway 89) to the head of the Mill Creek drainage. The Forest has closed the Passage Creek (#59), the Wallace Creek (#58), and the Snowbank (#78) trails. There are 6 heli-rapellers and one helicopter on scene.

The Chong fire was discovered on the east side of the Crazy Mountains this afternoon. It is located 4 miles west of Black Butte, west of the Wolf Park area. Forest Service and Sweetgrass County resources are on scene. The fire is burning in grass and duff and is 1/10 acre in size. The fire did receive some moisture from the thunderstorms that moved through the area this afternoon.

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