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“Badger-Two Medicine Area Closed to Public”

GREAT FALLS, Mt., - The Rocky Mountain Ranger District implemented an area closure for the entire Badger-Two Medicine Area on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. The purpose of the closure is to protect public safety due to the rapid spread of the Skyland Fire burning three miles south of Marias Pass.

Mike Munoz, district ranger on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District, says it’s time to prepare the public for the reality that this fire season is far from over.

“It’s the first of August and we still have a long way to go this fire season,” said Munoz. “It may get worse before it gets better.”

Here is the complete closure order description:

From Highway 2 at the Continental Divide (adjacent to Flathead National Forest Closure), south along the Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary to trail #121 (North Fork Birch Creek Trail) in Section 4; north and east, along but not including trail #121 to the National Forest Boundary in Section 20; north and west along the National Forest Boundary to Highway 2, and along Highway 2 to the Continental Divide.

For more information on local closures, please call the Rocky Mountain Ranger District at 406-466-5341 or the Lewis & Clark National Forest at 406-791-7700. You can also call the Flathead National Forest at 406-758-5204.

You may also visit their individual websites at www.fs.fed.us. Up-to-date fire information, including trail and campground closures, may be found on <http://inciweb.org>.

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