
Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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Miners Creek Fire Detected in Crazy Mountain Area

Melville, MT... The Miners Creek Fire, burning in the Miners Creek area of the Crazy Mountains was detected August 3 and is approximately 6 acres in size. The fire is burning in a very rugged terrain approximately 14 miles west and north of the community of Melville.

The fire is burning in heavy timber and grass. There are 22 firefighters on scene including 8 smokejumpers and a helicopter. Suppression efforts, including multiple fire retardant drops, have been successful so far. Fire managers estimate the fire to be approximately 70% contained. "Once detected, firefighters were able respond to the fire quickly with suppression resources helping us gain the upper hand," said Bill Avey, Big Timber District Ranger.

For additional information please contact the Big Timber Ranger District at (406) 932-5155.

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