

Tumble Creek Fire Update August 5, 8:00 AM

Start: Afternoon of August 1, 2008. Cause: Lightning

Location: Near Tumble Creek, in the West Fork of the Stillwater River drainage approximately 8 miles west of Woodbine Campground, and one mile south of the Absaroka/Beartooth Wilderness boundary. The fire had minimal movement on the east and possible movement on the west and north with predicted weather. The weather yesterday was 12mph from the west with temperature at 70 and relative humidity at 26%.

There will be a Public meeting tonight in the Fire Hall in Nye at 6:00 p.m. Fire personnel will be available to share fire information and answer questions.

Personnel: 103 personnel are currently assigned to the fire. Three heavy helicopters dropped 58,000 gallons of water on the fire. Air tankers flew many loads of retardant the fire as well. There are two crews, 1 helicopter and 1 water tender assigned to the fire. A mobile retardant plant has been reassigned from the Cascade Fire to the Tumble Creek Fire. Air support is also available from the Cascade Fire.

Size: 580 Acres. The change in acreage is due to mapping.

Closure: An area and road closure is in place in the West Fork of the Stillwater River drainage north to Castle Creek.

Tom Heintz's Type 2 Northern Rockies Incident Management Team has been assigned to manage the fire. Communications is an issue due to no cell service and lack of phone service.

Information regarding the Tumble Creek Fire is available at www.inciweb.org , www.co.sweetgrass.mt.us and by listening to FM99.3 The Mountain radio station.