



Tumble Creek Fire

August 6, 2008

8:00 am

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Tom Heintz

INFORMATION OFFICERS: Brian LaMoure, Kim Frasier,
Elizabeth Ballard

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LOCATION: Dean School house located at Nye, MT

JURISDICTION: Custer National Forest

RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL: 132

HELICOPTERS: 2

ACRES: 620

The Tumble Creek fire is located approximately 7 miles west of the Stillwater Mine in the Beartooth Wilderness. The fire is burning in rugged terrain that is difficult to access. Currently at risk are wilderness values, grizzly bear habitat and a historic mining camp. Yesterday the fire continued to creep slowly and smolder throughout the day. Three Type 1 crews are currently on the fire and are having to camp on the mountain. Potential for fire growth is medium and the difficulty of the terrain is extreme. No structures are currently at risk.

Yesterdays fire efforts included hand crew suppression along the southern, western and northern perimeter. Four helicopters assisted the Tumble Creek fire from the Cascade fire. A structure protection group continued scouting the Stillwater Mine area and assisted with the set up of a mobile fire retardant plant.

There was a public meeting at the fire department in Nye last night. Approximately 40 people from the community and surrounding area attended.

Currently the Tumble Creek fire is estimated 40% contained.

ACTIONS PLANNED: Crews will continue to build fire line, and cool hot spots. Helicopter retardant bucket drops will be dropped on hot spots that are located on the eastern flank of the fire.

***WOODBINE CAMPGROUND AND TRAIL #24 IS OPEN.**

CLOSURES: Road closures are in place for the West Fork of Stillwater Road, FS road #846, and Picket Pin Road #2140. Additionally, a fire area closure is in place for the area that includes Trail #'s 20, 72, and 90, as well as the Initial Creek Campground.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact fire information at the above listed number.

Additional national information can be found at www.inciweb.org