



Fire Update & Fact Sheet

USDA Forest Service

Kootenai National Forest

Libby, Montana

Parmenter Fire

Monday, July 28, 2008 8:00 a.m.

Information Contact: 406-283-7675

LOCATION:	One-half mile southwest of Libby, Montana
START DATE:	July 26, 2008
SIZE:	Estimated 150 acres
CAUSE:	Under Investigation
CONTAINMENT	40%

RESOURCES:

Helicopters: **2** Aircraft: **1** Engines: **3** Hand Crews: **5** Dozers: **2** Water Tenders: **4** Personnel: **95**

FUELS: Recent logging slash and open timber.

WEATHER:

Temperature: Maximum 80 to 85 degrees

Humidity: Minimum 9 to 19 %.

Winds: Out of the west at 5 to 10 mph.

CLOSURES: The Hemp Hill road (#8837) remains closed to public use to ensure their and fire firefighter safety. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is providing security at the road closure point.

YESTERDAYS ACTIVITY: Crews and equipment nearly completed a preliminary containment line around the entire fire perimeter. Fire fighters installed water tanks and fire hose lays were stretched along the fireline. A night shift patrolled the fire the put out several small spots found just outside the containment line. Helicopters provided support to the ground forces with water drops on areas too hot for fire fighters.

TODAYS ACTIONS: Crew will complete the fireline and then improve existing containment lines. They will also complete installation of fire hose lays. Two additional crews arrived from Ronan, Montana and they will start mop up of hot spots adjacent to the fireline. A Type 2 Interagency Incident Management Team from the North Idaho area, Mark Grant Incident Commander, arrived on the Kootenai National Forest. They will work along side the Kootenai team, Grant Rider Incident Commander, and transfer of command is planned for later today.

The fire danger is now VERY HIGH . Forest users are asked to use extreme caution while enjoying the outdoors.
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For photos, maps and updates of the Parmenter Fire please go to
www.inciweb.org or www.libbymt.com

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