

**Fact Sheet**  
**8:00 AM**

**Caribou Fire**  
**Gibraltar Ridge Fire**  
**Weasel Fire**  
**September 12, 2017**



**Fire Information Line: 406-272-2082**

**Location: Caribou Fire** located 21 miles northwest of Eureka, MT      **Current Size: 23,187 Total Acres**  
**Cause:** Lightning      **Containment: 30%**      **Personnel: 395**      **United States: 20,610**      **Canada: 2,577**  
**Email: CaribouFire2017@gmail.com**      **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5539/>

**Location: Gibraltar Ridge Fire** located seven miles east of Eureka, MT      **Current Size: 8,932 Acres**  
**Cause:** Lightning      **Containment: 27%**      **Personnel: 37**  
**Email: GibraltarRidgeFire2017@gmail.com**      **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5474/>

**Location: Weasel Fire** located 17 miles northeast of Eureka, MT      **Current Size: 869 Acres** (No Infrared data for 9/12)  
**Cause:** Lightning      **Containment: 0%**      **Personnel: 0**

**Another Red Flag Warning for Today; Fire Activity Expected to Increase**

**Caribou Fire:** Hand crews continue to hold and improve lines as well as mop-up along the east and south east side of the fire. Firefighters and equipment operators will focus efforts on finishing fireline along the north side of Marias Mountain and from Young Creek west to Lime Creek using a combination of direct and indirect fireline along with burning operations to strengthen lines. On the west side of the fire, heavy equipment continues working on indirect line using existing roads in the Blacktail Creek area north to the Canadian border. Air support including helicopters and Canadian CL-415 water scoopers were used yesterday and if conditions allow will be used again today to help slow fire growth.

**Caribou Evacuations:** All areas in West Kootenai remain in Pre-Evacuation Warning. This includes West Kootenai North and South of Tooley Lake, Spring Creek, Dodge Creek, and Basin Creek.

**Caribou Fire Closures:** A Closure Order remains in place for the Caribou Fire. Closure Orders and maps under the “Closures” tab on Inciweb.

**Gibraltar Ridge Fire:** The fire continues to burn in Williams Creek and has moved up and over Locke Mountain and into the head of Whale Creek on the Flathead National Forest. Hand crews are building fireline between the mouth of Williams Creek and Grave Creek Rd as well as continuing to improve Grave Creek Road. Crews will remain in the area to patrol and mop up hot spots.

**Gibraltar Ridge Evacuations:** A Pre-Evacuation Warning remains in effect for the Sherman Creek, Griffith Creek, Therriault Pass Road, Stevens Creek, Glen Lake and Sinclair Creek (south/east of West Road) areas.

**Gibraltar Ridge Closures:** Grave Creek Road and the Ten Lakes Recreation area are closed above the Grave Creek/Foothills Road junction. Closure Orders and maps under the “Closures” tab on Inciweb.

**Weasel Fire:** The fire is burning northeast through thick Subalpine fir toward Tuchuck Mountain. No private property or structures are threatened; Forest Service Weasel Cabin and dock are wrapped with fire resistant material.

**Weather: Red Flag Warning issued from noon today to midnight.** Hotter and dryer with southwest winds with the potential for gusts up to 25 mph on the ridgetops and 15 mph on the slope and valley bottom.

**Resources Threatened:** Private property, structures, historic resources, recreational resources, timber, terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

**Fire Restrictions:** Lincoln County and the Kootenai National Forest are in Stage II Fire Restrictions due to Extreme Fire Danger. For information on fire restrictions, please visit [firerestrictions.us](http://firerestrictions.us)