

\*\*This will be the last update.\*\*

<b>McBratney's Type Three Fire Team Organization</b>	<b>Tuesday, Aug 12, 2008 8:00 am</b>	<b>Cascade and Tumble Creek Fires</b>
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**Cascade Fire** 10,173 acres 85% containment  
**Tumble Creek Fire** 380 acres 100% containment

The Cascade Fire is six miles west of Red Lodge, Montana. Brad McBratney's Type 3 Fire Team Organization is managing both the Cascade and Tumble Creek Fires. McBratney's team is preparing to turn over the management of these fires to a smaller team to work with the Beartooth Ranger District.

Stage 1 Fire restrictions are in effect throughout the Beartooth Ranger District. The Beartooth Ranger District is available for further information at (406) 446-2103.

**Yesterday's Activities:** On the Cascade Fire, crews continued to mop up, cut hazard trees and identify hot spots. Air patrols monitored both the Tumble Creek and Cascade Fires.

**Today's Planned Activities:** On the Cascade Fire, engine crews will patrol the West Fork Road looking for smokes and hot spots. They will also begin to rehab the fire lines. The Tumble Creek Fire will be monitored from the air.

**Resources assigned:** 2 hand crews, 2 engines, and 1 helicopters for a total of 104 people.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Maximum temperatures of 69-74 degrees and a minimum humidity of 20-25%.

**Future Activities:** A BAER (Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation) Team will develop a long term rehabilitation plan for the Cascade Fire area to prevent the deterioration of the watershed. The plan will help stabilize soil, control sediment and debris movement, prevent the introduction of nonnative species and impairment of ecosystems.

#### **Evacuations, Closures:**

Evacuations for Grizzly Peak have been lifted. The Lake Fork Trail is open to Sundance Pass. The West Fork of Rock Creek roadblock at the forest boundary has been moved to Timbercrest. Due to the hazard created by standing burned trees next to the West Fork of Rock Creek Road, no travel will be permitted beyond the Basin Creek area until further notice. The Senia area is closed due to safety hazards. Cabin owners in Lions Club Camp are allowed back in via Lake Fork Road per Beartooth Creek Ranger District direction. Access to the ski area is prohibited. The Custer National Forest Area Closure order includes most of the trails and back country in the West Fork drainage.

**Other information sources:** <http://www.inciweb.org>, <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or [http://www.firewise.org/fw\\_youcanuse/index.htm](http://www.firewise.org/fw_youcanuse/index.htm), [redlodge.com](http://redlodge.com), [www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer)

**Cooperating Agencies:** Montana Highway Patrol, Carbon County Sheriff, Custer NF, BLM, NPS, BIA, FWS and Montana DNRC and VFD's from the surrounding area including Red Lodge, Roberts, Absarokee, Columbus, Joliet, and Belfry.

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