

Cherry Peak Fire



INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

8/19/2026

Operational Period 0600-2100

Lolo National Forest, Region 1

P1EKT426 (0116)

MT-LNF-260379



INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. Incident Name Cherry Peak	2. Date Prepared 8/18/2026	3. Time Prepared 1800
4. Operational Period August 19, 2026 DAY SHIFT 0600 - 2100			
5. Leader's Intent Success is defined as prioritizing responder and public safety while minimizing impacts/threats to identified values at risk. All incident actions must reflect a commitment to aviation, responder, and public safety. Use the risk management process outlined in the IRPG, adhere to the 10 Standard Firefighting Orders, and mitigate the 18 Situations That Shout Watch Out and LCES. If a tactical hazard cannot be mitigated to an acceptable level of risk, do not proceed until mitigation is in place.			
6. Incident Objectives 1. On the Cherry Peak fire execute a full suppression strategy utilizing direct and indirect tactics to minimize impacts to values at risk and firefighter exposure. 2. Prevent or minimize fire impacts to these prioritized values: private residences and property in the Cherry Creek drainage, Private and Federal timber sales, and the Eddy Mtn Lookout. 3. Provide Initial Attack within the TFRs (Temporary Flight Restriction). 4. Consider operational strategies and tactics that minimize smoke impacts to communities and private landowners.			
7. Attachments (X – if attached)			
☒ Organization List - ICS 203	☒ Air Ops Sum. – ICS 220	☒ MF206 8 Line	
☒ Division Assignment Lists - ICS 204	☒ Medical Plan - ICS 206	☒ Fire Behavior	
☒ Communication Plan – ICS 205	☒ Unit Log 214	☒ Weather	
8. Prepared By (Planning Section Chief)		9. Approved By (Incident Commander)	
Brittney Allestad		TREVOR Trevor Unsworth UNSWORTH Digitally signed by TREVOR UNSWORTH Date: 2026.08.18 21:40:53 -0800	
ICS 202		NFES 1326	

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHART		9. Operations Section	
1. Incident Name Cherry Peak Fire		Operations	Rocky Wagoner 406-531-9809
2. Date August 19, 2023			
5. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Trevor Unsworth 406-544-7562 Wade Bache (T) 406-531-6447	Divisions	
Information Officer		Alpha	Cole Benson 406-552-2193
		Zulu	Thomas Gallo 480-662-9819
Agency	Name		
USFS LNF AA	Crystal Stonesifer Curtis Rintz (T)		
IBA	Amy Erickson (Virtual) 406-499-5609		
7. Planning Section			
Chief	Brittney Allestad 406-207-7428		
GISS	Becky Howard (RIST)		
Documentation	Gianna Vaccaro (RIST)		
		A. Air Operations Branch	
		Air Ops Branch Director	
8. Logistics Section			
Chief	Kasey Craft 406-261-9261		
Base Camp Manager	Logan Boyer (T) 406-274-0902		
		10. Finance	
		Chief	Amy Erickson (Virtual) 406-499-5609
		Personal Time Recorder	Kara Altmiller 406-540-3451
Prepared by: Brittney Allestad, PSC3			

DAILY SAFETY MESSAGE

DRIVING

- Obey speed limits. Drive cautiously.
- Be alert for other traffic and roadway hazards.
- Slow down, keep right, and expect someone around every blind corner.
- If you are driving that should be the only thing you should be doing.

COMPLACENCY

- Complacency – One of the standard fire orders stresses the importance of staying alert. Complacency and staying alert are not compatible. The hazards haven't gone away so we need to stay focused on them. It only takes a second of complacency for an accident to occur.

Safety is not "someone else's" job!

FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

AUGUST 19, 2026

DISCUSSION

High pressure will build over the Northern Rockies for the remainder of the week. Expect warm and dry conditions with poor overnight RH recovery on midslopes and upper elevations. Winds will be primarily southwest to west and become terrain-driven overnight. There will be a slight chance (about 5%) for afternoon thunderstorms on Thursday.

WEDNESDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly sunny.
CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.
Chance Lightning: 0 percent.
Max Temperature: 70-75.
Min Humidity: 15-20 percent.
Wind (20 ft): Southwest 6-12 mph.
Mixing Height: 2000 ft agl increasing to 7500 ft agl.
Mixing Winds: West 10 mph.
Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Sky/Weather: Partly cloudy.
CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.
Chance Lightning: 0 percent.
Min Temperature: 53-58.
Max Humidity: 38-43 percent.
Wind (20 ft): West 5-7 mph in the evening becoming downslope/downvalley 2-4 mph.
Mixing Height: 4500 ft agl decreasing to 500 ft agl early in the evening.
Mixing Winds: Southwest 5 mph.
Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

THURSDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly sunny.
CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.
Chance Lightning: 5 percent.
Max Temperature: 74-79.
Min Humidity: 13-18 percent.
Wind (20 ft): Variable 2-4 mph becoming west around 5-10 mph in the afternoon.
Mixing Height: 3000 ft agl increasing to 10000 ft agl.
Mixing Winds: Southwest 10 mph.
Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST			Branch	Division/Group					
Incident Name			Alpha						
Cherry Peak			Operational Period						
			Date 08/19/2026	Time 0600-2100					
Operations Personnel									
Safety Officer			Line Operations	Rocky Wagoner					
Branch			Planning Operations						
Division / Group Supervisor	Cole Benson		Strategic Operations						
Work Assignments									
Strategic Action 1:									
Task: Establish helispots on Cherry Creek ridge. Coordinate line construction with Division Zulu.									
Purpose: To provide more efficient access to the fire and start securing flanks.									
End State: Access is established to the top of the fire. Direct line is in place.									
Resources Assigned This Period									
Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator	Req #	Last Shift	Leader	# Persons	On Duty Location / Time	Off Duty Location / Time			
T2IA Palouse				20	Cherry FOB 0600	Cherry FOB 2100			
Special Instructions									
Division/Group Communication Summary									
Function	Channel	Frequency RX	Tone RX	Frequency TX	Tone. TX	Function	Channel	Frequency RX	Frequency TX
TAC	4	167.1125		167.1125		A/G Pri	6	164.0875	169.0875
CMD Repeater	2	172.3875		164.1750	131.8				
Ground Ambo	12	155.2800		155.2800	156.7				
Air Guard	16	168.6250		168.6250	110.9				
Prepared by Brittney M. Allestad		Approved By Brittney M. Allestad			Date 08/18/2026		Time 1800		
Total # of Line Resources:	21								

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak		2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 8/18/2026 Time: 1800		3. Operational Period: Date From: 8/19/2026 Time From: 0600		Date To: 8/19/2026 Time To: 2100			
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:									
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talk group	RX Freq N or W	RX Ton e/N AC	TX Freq N or W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode (A, D, or M)	Remarks
	1	W. DIRECT	DIRECT	172.3875		172.3875	127.3	A	
	2	W. REPEAT	EDDY MT	172.3875		172.3875	131.8	A	
	3	TAC 2		167.6250		167.6250		A	DIV ZULU
	4	TAC 1		167.1125		167.1125		A	DIV ALPHA
	5								
	6	A/G PRIMARY	A/G	164.0875		164.0875		A	CHERRY PK
	7	A/G 5	A/G 5	166.7500		166.7500		A	WEST ZONE A/G
	8	A/G 48	A/G 48	167.8875		167.8875		A	EAST ZONE A/G
	9								
	10	MEDICAL	RED	154.0700		154.0700		A	
	11	AIR/MEDICAL	TAN	155.3400		155.3400		A	AIR TRANSPORT
	12	GROUND AMBO	WHITE	155.2800		155.2800	156.7	A	GROUND TRANSPORT
	13								
	14								
	15								
	16	AIRGUARD	AIRGUARD	168.625		168.625	110.9	A	
5. Special Instructions:									
6. Prepared by: Name: KASEY CRAFT				Signature: KASEY CRAFT					
ICS 205				Date/Time: 08/18/2026 1800					

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1. Incident/Project Name				2. Operational Period					
Cherry Peak Fire				Date/Time 08/19/2023		0600-2100			
3. Ambulance Services									
Ambulance	Complete Address			Phone & EMS Frequency	Advanced Life Support (ALS) Yes No				
Plains Community Ambulance	10 Kruger Rd. Plains, MT 59859			911/ MIDC		NO			
Thompson Falls Ambulance	Thompson Falls, MT 59873			911/ MIDC		NO			
4. Air Ambulance Services									
Name		Phone		Type of Aircraft & Capability					
Life Flight Network - Missoula, MT		911 or thru MIDC		Paramedics/Flight Nurse					
Two Bear Air - Kalispell, MT		Flathead (406)-758-5610		Hoist capable, SAR, Paramedics, Flight nurses					
5. Hospitals									
Name Complete Address		Coordinate Standard		Travel Time Air Grd		Helipad Yes No		Level of Care	
Clark Fork Valley Hospital 10 Kruger Road Plains, MT 59859		Lat:	47 28.145	Min	Min	406-826-4875 406-826-4800 Helipad	☒	☐	Limited- CTF Helipad-Type 3
		Long:	-114 53.333						
		VHF:	155.280 Tone Tx 156.7						
St. Patrick's Hospital 500 West Broadway Missoula, MT		Lat:	46 52.528	Min	Hr	406-329-2620 406-543-7271 Helipad	☒	☐	Level 2 – RTC Helipad-Type 2/3
		Long:	-113 59.984						
		VHF:	155.280 Tone Tx 156.7						
Harborview 333 8 th Ave Seattle, Washington		Lat:	47 36.169	Min	Hr	206-744-3074 ER	☒	☐	Level 1 Burn Center
		Long:	-122 19.481						
		VHF:							
Plains Family Medical 10 Kruger Rd Plains MT 59859		Lat:	47 28.145	Min	Min	406-826-4810	☒	☐	Urgent Care
		Long:	-114 53.333						
		VHF:	155.280 Tone Tx 156.7						
6. Branch / Division / Group		Area Location Capability							
DIV ALPHA		EMS Responders & Capability			Call 911. Call Missoula Dispatch Center: 406-829-7070.				
		Medical Emergency Channel			WEST REPEAT: EDDY MTN				
DIV ZULU		EMS Responders & Capability			Call 911. Call Missoula Dispatch Center: 406-829-7070.				
		Medical Emergency Channel			WEST REPEAT: EDDY MTN				
7. Name & Location		Remote Camp Location(s)							
8. Prepared By (Medical Unit Leader)			9. Date/Time		10. Reviewed By (Safety Officer)			11. Date/Time	
Trevor Unsworth ICT3			08/18/2026		Trevor Unsworth ICT3			08/18/2026	

Medical Incident Report – 8 Line

FOR A NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT, WORK THROUGH CHAIN OF COMMAND TO REPORT AND TRANSPORT INJURED PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY.

FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: IDENTIFY ON SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDER BY NAME AND POSITION AND ANNOUNCE **"MEDICAL EMERGENCY"** TO INITIATE RESPONSE FROM IMT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH.

Use the following items to communicate situation to communications/dispatch.

1. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH (Verify correct frequency prior to starting report)

Ex: "Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Emergency Traffic."

2. INCIDENT STATUS: Provide incident summary (including number of patients) and command structure.

Ex: "Communications, I have a Red priority patient, unconscious, struck by a falling tree. Requesting air ambulance to Forest Road 1 at (Lat./Long.) This will be the Trout Meadow Medical, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing medical care."

Severity of Emergency / Transport Priority	☐ RED / PRIORITY 1 Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE <i>Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented.</i> ☐ YELLOW / PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary. <i>Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes.</i> ☐ GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport <i>Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.</i>
Nature of Injury or Illness & Mechanism of Injury	Brief Summary of Injury or Illness (Ex: Unconscious, Struck by Falling Tree)
Transport Request	Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other
Patient Location	Descriptive Location & Lat. / Long. (WGS84)
Incident Name	Geographic Name + "Medical" (Ex: Trout Meadow Medical)
On-Scene Incident Commander	Name of on-scene IC of Incident within an Incident (Ex: TFLD Jones)
Patient Care	Name of Care Provider (Ex: EMT Smith)

3. INITIAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT: Complete this section for each patient as applicable (start with the most severe patient)

Patient Assessment:
See IRPG page 106

Treatment:

4. TRANSPORT PLAN:

Evacuation Location (if different): (Descriptive Location (drop point, intersection, etc.) or Lat. / Long.) Patient's ETA to Evacuation Location:

Helispot / Extraction Site Size and Hazards:

5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

Example: Paramedic/EMT, Crews, Immobilization Devices, AED, Oxygen, Trauma Bag, IV/Fluid(s), Splints, Rope rescue, Wheeled litter, HAZMAT, Extrication

6. COMMUNICATIONS: Identify State Air/Ground EMS Frequencies and Hospital Contacts as applicable

Function	Channel Name/Number	Receive (RX)	Tone/NAC *	Transmit (TX)	Tone/NAC *
COMMAND					
AIR-TO-GRND					
TACTICAL					

7. CONTINGENCY: Considerations: If primary options fail, what actions can be implemented in conjunction with primary evacuation method? Be thinking ahead.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Updates/Changes, etc.

REMEMBER: Confirm ETA's of resources ordered. Act according to your level of training. Be Alert. Keep Calm. Think Clearly. Act Decisively.