

CHERRY PEAK FIRE



INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

8/20/2026

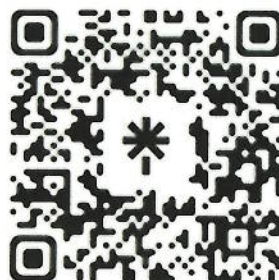
Operational Period 0600-2100

Lolo National Forest, Region 1

P1SX9J26 (0116)

SABHRS: 906492

MT-LNF-260379



INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. Incident Name	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared
	Cherry Peak	8/19/2026	1800
4. Operational Period			
August 20, 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	☒ WF206.8 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 UNSWORTH Digitally signed by TREVOR UNSWORTH Date: 2026.08.19 14:55:20 -0600	
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 20, 2026			
5. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Trevor Unsworth 406-544-7562 Wade Bache (T) 406-531-6447	Divisions	
Information Officer	Brandalyn Vonk (Virtual) 435-650-2694	Alpha	Cole Benson 406-552-2193
Safety Officer	Justin Randall 406-897-4606	Zulu	Thomas Gallo 480-662-9819
Agency	Name		
USFS LNF AA	Cystal Stonesifer 406-210-7593 Curtis Rintz (T)		
Forest FMO	Scott Schrenk 406-250-0354		
IBA	Amy Erickson (Virtual) 406-499-5609		
REAF	Kristin Richardson 541-619-4583		
7. Planning Section			
Chief	Brittney Allestad 406-207-7428		
GISS	Becky Howard (RIST)		
Documentation	Gianna Vaccaro (RIST)		
		A. Air Operations Branch	
		Forest Aviation Officer	Josh Klare 406-406-360-0875
8. Logistics Section		HBMG	Zach Long 406-207-8338 Mark Troxell(T) 541-490-6146
Chief	Kasey Craft 406-261-9261		
Base Camp Manager	Logan Boyer (T) 406-274-0902		
Base Camp Manager	Josh Heise (T) 406-369-5724	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:

AVIATION SAFETY

Aerial Delivered Retardant/Water Drop Zone Considerations:

- Keep informed of the aerial firefighting objectives, tempo, and aircraft type.
- Evaluate your environment for gravity hazards (tree limbs, rocks, logs, and dispensed retardant/water).
- If clearance is impractical, where fuels and/or terrain obstruct lateral movement from the path of the aircraft, notify the aerial supervisor immediately.

If Escape is Not Possible:

- Lie face-down with head toward incoming aircraft with hardhat in place,
- Hold hand tool away from your body, and
- If possible, grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the dropped liquid.

Additional General Operational Considerations:

- Ensure ground resources are on assigned air-to-ground frequency, not defaulting to tactical ground channels.
- Keep transmissions concise and brief - airtime is shared and often congested during multi-aircraft operations.
- Use NWCG-standard terminology – ambiguity is a leading factor in near-miss and mishap reports involving aircraft.
- Ensure deconfliction and TFR awareness. Ground personnel need to know the TFR boundaries and be able to communicate any sightings of unauthorized aircraft (other rotor wing, fixed wing or UAS/drones) within the area.



Fire Weather Forecast

August 20, 2026

DISCUSSION

Hazy, warm, and dry conditions were present with temperatures near 75F and Min RH 31%. Winds were light out of the south.

High pressure will build producing warm and dry conditions through Friday. Thermal belts will also develop producing poor RH recoveries.

A cold front on Saturday will allow for ridge breakdown with winds increasing through the weekend.

THURSDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly sunny.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 0 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 75-80.

Minimum Humidity: 19-24 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Variable 2-5 mph becoming west 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

Mixing Height: 3000 ft agl increasing to 8500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: Southwest 10 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Sky/Weather: Mostly clear.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 0 percent.

Minimum Temperature: 57-62.

Maximum Humidity: 28-33 percent.

Wind (20 ft): West 5-7 mph.

Mixing Height: 8000 ft agl decreasing to 500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: Northwest 5 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

FRIDAY

Sky/Weather: Partly cloudy.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 0 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 77-82.

Minimum Humidity: 17-22 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Variable 2-4 mph becoming east 5-6 mph in the afternoon.

Mixing Height: 3000 ft agl increasing to 9500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: Southwest 5 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

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AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY (ICS 220)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak MT-LNF-260379		2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/20/2026 Date To: 8/21/2026 Time From: 0600 Time To: 2200		3. Sunset: 20:44 Pumpkin: 21:14		
4. Remarks (safety notes, hazards, air operations special equipment, etc.): * River recreation in dip site locations SUNSET PROTOCOL- Recommended that tactical air operations be conducted only until sunset and to utilize the 30 minutes after sunset for flights back to an airport or helibase.		5. Ready Alert Aircraft: Medivac: Two Bear Air- Missoula Dispatch Life Flight Missoula/ Shothaul in Helena				
8. Frequencies:		AM	FM	9. Fixed-Wing (category/kind/type, make/model, N#, base): Air Tactical Group Supervisor Aircraft:		
TFR		127.1750		Order Air Attack through Missoula Dispatch		
A/A Secondary		123.0000				
A/G Primary			164.7500			
A/G Secondary			164.8000			
10. Helicopters (use additional sheets as necessary):						
FAA N#	Category/Kind/Type	Make/Model	Base	Available	Start	Remarks
4RA	Type 1 EU	Chinook	Missoula Airport	0900	0800	NRGA/Bucket
7WF	Type 3 EU	Bell 407	Plains Helibase	0830	0800	Forest IA
6RA	Type 1 EU	Chinook	Libby	0900	0800	NRGA Lend/Lease
8ES	Type 1 EU	Chinook	Kalsipell	0800	0900	NRGA Lend/Lease
11. Prepared by: Name: Josh Klare			Position/Title: FAO			Signature:
ICS 220, Page 1			Date/Time:			

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak		2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 8/19/2026 Time: 1500		3. Operational Period: Date From: 8/20/2026 Date To: 8/20/2026 Time From: 0600 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 Tone N or W 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 Mtn	172.3875		164.1750	131.8	A	
	3	TAC 2	DIV Z	167.6250		167.6250		A	DIV Z
	4	TAC 1	DIV A	167.1125		167.1125		A	DIV A
	5								
	6	A/G PRIMARY	A/G	164.7500		164.7500		A	CHERRY PK PRI
	7	A/G SEC	A/G	164.8000		164.8000		A	CHERRY PK SEC
	8	A/G 5	A/G 5	166.7500		166.7500		A	WEST ZONE A/G 1A
	9	A/G 48	A/G 48	167.8875		167.8875		A	EAST ZONE A/G 1A
	10								
	11	MUTUAL AID	RED	154.0700		154.0700	156.7	A	VFD
	12	AIR/MEDICAL	TAN	155.3400		155.3400	156.7	A	AIR TRANSPORT
	13	GROUND AMBO	WHITE	155.2800		155.2800	156.7	A	GROUND TRANSPORT
	14								
	15								
	16	AIRGUARD	AIRGUARD	168.625		168.625	170.9	A	EMERGENCY AIR
5. Special Instructions:									
6. Prepared by: Name: KASEY CRAFT									
ICS 205				Date/Time: 08/19/2026 1500					
				Signature: <i>Kasey Craft</i>					

Finance Message

All resources will submit **Digital** CTRs & Shift Tickets. Time documents should be emailed daily to the finance inbox listed below.

Incident Finance email: **2026.cherrypeak.finance@firenet.gov**

Helpful Hints for Success!

- Hazard Pay – "H = Hazard Pay" is not a sufficient justification for hazard pay. Please elaborate in the remarks. (Ex. Hazard pay for working on an uncontrolled fireline.)

Shift Ticket/CTR Checklist:

- Signatures – Ensure your CTR is signed by your Incident Supervisor prior to digital submission.
- Resource Order # - Please make sure you list your resource order number in the upper right-hand box of your CTR.

Finance Contacts

Phone Numbers:

- Overhead, Agency Crews/Engines – (406) 540-3451
- Comp/Claims – (406) 499-5609

1. Incident/Project Name				2. Operational Period			
Cherry Peak Fire				Date/Time 08/20/2026		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			
Thompson Falls Ambulance	Thompson Falls, MT 59873			911/ MIDC			
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	
Clark Fork Valley Hospital 10 Kruger Road Plains, MT 59859		Lat: 47.28.145	Min	Min	406-826-4875 406-826-4800 Helipad	☒	☐
		Long: -114.53.333					
		VHF: 155.280 Tone Tx 156.7	5	15			
St. Patrick's Hospital 500 West Broadway Missoula, MT		Lat: 46.52.528	Min	Hr	406-329-2620 406-543-7271 Helipad	☒	☐
		Long: -113.59.984					
		VHF: 155.280 Tone Tx 156.7	30	1.3			
Harborview 333 8th Ave Seattle, Washington		Lat: 47.36.169	Min	Hr	206-744-3074 ER	☒	☐
		Long: -122.19.481					
		VHF:	4Hr	7hr			
Plains Family Medical 10 Kruger Rd Plains MT 59859		Lat: 47.28.145	Min	Min	406-826-4810	☒	☐
		Long: -114.53.333					
		VHF: 155.280 Tone Tx 156.7	5	15			
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
Justin Randall, SOFC		08/19/2026		Justin Randall, SOFC			08/19/2026

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 Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented. ☐ YELLOW / PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary. Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes. ☐ GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.	
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.