

Cherry Peak Fire



INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

8/25/2026

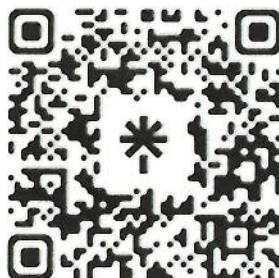
Operational Period 0600-2100

Lolo National Forest, Region 1

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SABHRS: 906492

MT-LNF-260379



	1. Incident Name	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared
INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	Cherry Peak	8/24/2026	1600
4. Operational Period			
August 25, 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			
- On the Cherry Peak Fire, execute a full suppression strategy utilizing direct tactics to minimize impacts to values at risk and firefighter exposure. - 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 Mountain Lookout. - Provide Initial Attack within the TFR (Temporary Flight Restriction). - 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 M. Allestad		TREVOR UNSWORTH Digitally signed by TREVOR UNSWORTH Date: 2026.08.24 08:57:37 -0600	
ICS 202		NFES 1326	

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHART		7. Operations Section	
1. Incident Name Cherry Peak Fire		Operations	Daniel Stevens 406-370-7018
2. Date August 25, 2026			
3. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Trevor Unsworth 406-544-7562	Divisions	
Information Officer	Brandalyn Vonk (Virtual) 435-650-2694	Alpha	Cole Benson 406-552-2193
		Zulu	Kyle Ownsbey 530-643-9052 Patrick Grimes (T) 530-598-5454
4. Agency	Name		
USFS LNF AA	Cystal Stonesifer 406-210-7593 Curtis Rintz (T)		
Forest Supervisor	Ben Johnson Jeremy Casterson (Deputy)		
Forest Fire Staff Officer	Scott Schrenk 406-250-0354		
IBA	Amy Erickson 406-499-5609		
REAF	Kristin Richardson 514-619-4583		
5. Planning Section			
Chief	Brittney Allestad 406-207-7428		
GISS	Becky Howard (RIST)		
Documentation	Gianna Vaccaro (RIST)		
		Air Operations Branch	
		Forest Aviation Officer	Josh Klare 406-406-360-0875
6. Logistics Section		Helibase Manager	Mark Troxel (T) 541-490-6146
Chief	Kasey Craft 406-261-9261 Heather Berman 406-210-5287		
Base Camp Manager	Logan Boyer (T) 406-274-0902		
		8. Finance	
9. Prepared by: Brittney Allestad, PSC3		Date/Time: 8/24/2026 1600	

DAILY SAFETY MESSAGE

Accumulated Fatigue

Most wildland firefighting resources, and support resources have been busy already this season. Fatigue is already setting in and can be seen in our resources.

Many people think that they can endure a hectic schedule for a few weeks/months and then catch up later.

However, the sleep deprived person cannot change the need for sleep anymore then they can change the need for food and water. Fatigue is cumulative and gets worse over time.

Accumulated (Chronic) Fatigue is defined as fatigue from which normal rest does not produce recovery.

Chronic fatigue often results in increased stress, which may present itself through certain behavioral and physiological indicators, such as those described below:

Behavioral Indicators:

- Decreased motivation and low morale.
- Increased irritability and depression.

Physiological Indicators:

- Confused, poor problem solving.
- Poor abstract thinking.
- Poor attention/decisions.
- Poor concentration/memory.
- Extreme emotional responses.
- Social/behavioral change.

Recommendations for Combating Chronic Fatigue

- Take longer periods of rest/recovery.
- Ensure that resources are adequately rested before they begin work shifts (2:1 Work to Rest).
- Slow the work pace to a moderate level of physically demanding tasks.
- Provide periodic rest breaks to allow physical and mental recovery.
- Alternate between heavy and light tasks.
- Eat well-balanced meals regularly.
- Maintain hydration/Stay away from energy drinks.
- Ensure workers maintain good personal hygiene.
- Maintain high standards of physical fitness and work.

Fire Weather Forecast

August 25, 2026

DISCUSSION

Mostly sunny conditions expected today, with a few cumulus build-ups along the ridge tops in the afternoon and a 10 percent probability for a shower or thunderstorm developing nearby after 1800. Winds will be south-southeast at or below 10 mph during the day. Wednesday, a light south-southeast wind will persist, with more cumulus build-ups in the afternoon and a better chance (20%) for scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms, after 1800.

TUESDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly sunny.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 10 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 74-79.

Minimum Humidity: 21-26 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Southeast 5-7 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon.

Mixing Height: 3000 ft agl increasing to 10500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: Southeast 10 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Sky/Weather: Partly cloudy.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 0 percent.

Minimum Temperature: 58-63.

Maximum Humidity: 37-42 percent.

Wind (20 ft): East around 5 mph in the evening becoming variable 2-4 mph.

Mixing Height: 8500 ft agl decreasing to 500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: Southeast 5 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

WEDNESDAY

Sky/Weather: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): Less than 10 percent.

Chance Lightning: 20 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 76-81.

Minimum Humidity: 22-27 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Southeast 5-6 mph.

Mixing Height: 2000 ft agl increasing to 11000 ft agl late in the afternoon.

Mixing Winds: South 10 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST				Branch		Division/Group			
Incident Name						Alpha			
Cherry Peak				Operational Period					
				Date 08/25/2026			Time 0600-2100		
Operations Personnel									
Safety Officer				Line Operations		Daniel Stevens 406-370-7018			
Branch				Planning Operations					
Division / Group Supervisor		Cole Benson 406-552-2193		Strategic Operations					
Work Assignments									
Strategic Action 1:									
Task: Fortify all containment lines. Continue mopping up and securing the perimeter.									
Purpose: To hold fire in its current footprint and limit any fire growth to the South/West.									
End State: Fire perimeter is secure. Risk exposure to line personnel mitigated and minimized to the greatest extent possible.									
Resources Assigned This Period									
Strike Team/Task Force/Resource Designator		Req #	Last Shift	Leader		# Persons	On Duty Location / Time		Off Duty Location / Time
CRW1 Stanislaus IHC		C-4	9/3	Brandon Hull/Devon Herzog		22	S6 0600		S6 2100
CR1A Palouse		C-3	9/2	Chad Borg/James Caneff (T)		20	H2 0600		H2 2100
CRW2 Lolo Regulars		C-2	9/1	Kevin McGuire/Nick Jones (T)		19	S2 0600		S2 2100
Special Instructions									
Division/Group Communication Summary									
Function	Channel	Frequency RX	Tone RX	Frequency TX	Tone TX	Function	Channel	Frequency RX	Frequency TX
TAC	3	167.6250		167.6250		A/G Pri	6	164.7500	164.7500
CMD Repeater	2	172.3875		164.1750	131.8	A/G Sec	7	164.8000	164.8000
Ground Ambo	13	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 08/24/2026		Time 1800	
Total # of Line Resources:		62							

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY (ICS 220)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak MT-LNF-260379		2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/25/2026 Date To: 8/26/2026 Time From: 0600 Time To: 2200		3. Sunset: 20:32 Pumpkin: 21:02	
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/ Shorthaul in Butte			
8. Frequencies:		AM	FM	9. Fixed-Wing (category/kind/type, make/model, N#, base): Air Tactical Group Supervisor Aircraft:	
7. Personnel:		Name:	Phone Number:	Order Air Attack through Missoula Dispatch	
Forest Aviation Officer	Josh Klare	406-360-0875			
Helibase Manager(t)	Mark Troxel	541-490-6146			
Helispots	H-1	Cherry Peak	164.7500		
	H-2	47 29.32 115 11.04	164.8000		
	H-3	47 29.96 115 10.80			
10. Helicopters (use additional sheets as necessary):					
FAA N#	Category/Kind/Type	Make/Model	Base	Available	Start
8PJ	Type 1 CWN	Chinook CH-47	MSO/Plains	0830	0800
7WF	Type 3 EU	Bell 407	Plains Helibase	0830	0800
332N (Rappel)	Type 1 EU	Super Puma	Missoula AFD	0830	0800
11. Prepared by: Name: Josh Klare			Signature:		
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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak		2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 8/24/2026 Time: 1800		3. Operational Period: Date From: 8/25/2026 Time From: 0600 Date To: 8/25/2026 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 Tone/NAC	TX Freq N or W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode	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 A & DIV Z	167.6250		167.6250		A	DIV A & DIV Z
	4	TAC 1		167.1125		167.1125		A	
	5								
	6	A/G PRIMARY	A/G	164.7500		164.7500		A	CHERRY PK
	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
	9	A/G 48	A/G 48	167.8875		167.8875		A	EAST ZONE A/G
	10								
	11	MEDICAL	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	110.9	A	
5. Special Instructions:									
6. Prepared by: Name: KASEY CRAFT									
ICS 205				Date/Time: 08/24/2026 1800					
				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!

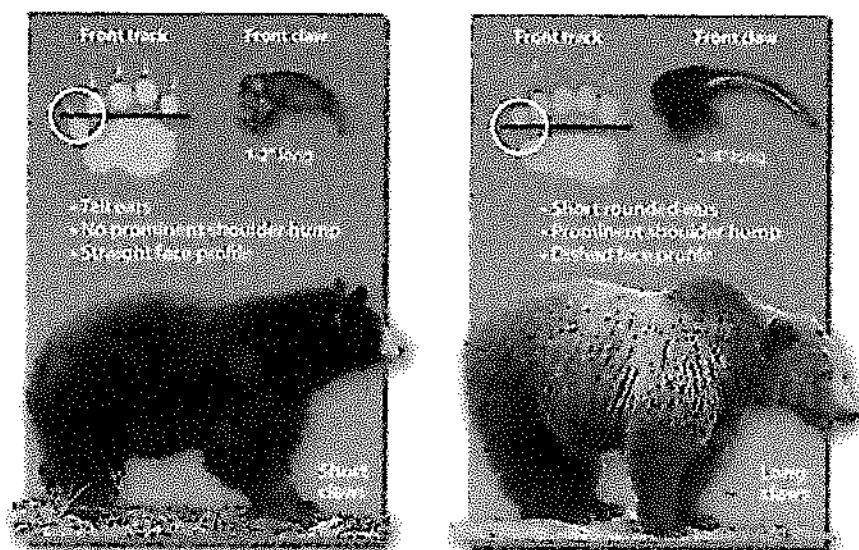
- Hazard Pay – “H = Hazard Pay” is not a sufficient justification for hazard pay. Please elaborate in the remarks. (Ex. Hazard pay for working on an uncontrolled fireline.)

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.

Being Bear Aware

The Lolo National Forest is home to many black bears. Occasionally, grizzly bears pass through. Co-existing with both kinds of bears requires special attention to food storage. Because the huckleberry crop is reportedly poor this year, bears are likely to be focused on any patches they can find. To avoid conflicts with bears, avoid berry patches when possible. Also, Lolo NF has a bear storage order. See some specifics below.



General Precautions During the Day:

- Do not leave food or attractants unattended.
- Keep food and trash with you or in a bear-resistant storage container until the end of the day.

Precautions in Spike Camps:

- Select a campsite away from berry patches and animal trails.
- Place sleeping tents at least 100 yards from food storage and cooking areas.
- When possible store all food, odorous items and garbage by hanging at least 10 feet from the ground, 4 feet from top/side supports, or in bear-resistant container/hard-sided vehicle.
- Strain food particles from dishwater. Pack everything out and **never bury or burn garbage.**

Clips from the Lolo's Food Storage Order:

1. During daytime hours, all attractants, including human food and garbage shall be stored in a bear resistant manner when not being attended.
2. During nighttime hours, all attractants, including food and garbage shall be stored in a bear resistant manner unless it is in immediate control, being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for storage.

1. Incident/Project Name				2. Operational Period					
Cherry Peak Fire				Date/Time 08/25/2026		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		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	Hr	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				08/24/2026		Trevor Unsworth, ICT3		08/24/2026	

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.