

Cherry Peak Fire



INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

8/27/2026

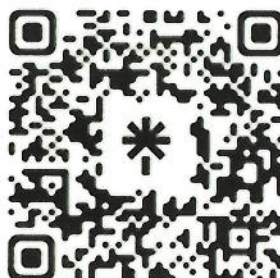
Operational Period 0600-2100

Lolo National Forest, Region 1

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SABHRS: 906492

MT-LNF-260379



INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. Incident Name Cherry Peak	2. Date Prepared 8/26/2026	3. Time Prepared 1600
4. Operational Period August 27, 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 Mountain Lookout. 3. Provide Initial Attack within the TFR (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 M. Allestad ICS 202		TREVOR UNSWORTH Trevor Unsworth Digitally signed by TREVOR UNSWORTH Date: 2026.08.26 16:10:27 -0600	
		NFES 1326	

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHART		7. Operations Section	
1. Incident Name Cherry Peak Fire		Operations	Daniel Stevens 406-370-7018
2. Date August 27, 2026			
3. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Trevor Unsworth 406-544-7562	Divisions	
Information Officer	Brandalyn Vonk (Virtual) 435-650-2694	Alpha/Zulu	Cole Benson 406-552-2193
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: 8/26/2026 1600	

DAILY SAFETY MESSAGE

Human Factor Barriers to Situational Awareness and Decision Making

Hazardous Attitudes:

- Invulnerable - This can't happen to us.
- Anti-authority - Disregard of the team effort.
- Impulsive - Do something even if it's wrong.
- Macho - Trying to impress or prove something.
- Complacent - Just another routine fire (Or Low Priority).
- Resigned - We can't make a difference.
- Group Think - Afraid to speak up or disagree.

Ask yourself:

- 1.) Could any of these been a factor(s) on any fatality fire that you have reviewed, visited, or studied?**
- 2.) Am I currently seeing any of these attitudes?**

"Remember to Use Good Risk Management, Think about the Big Picture, and Work as a Team."

Fire Weather Forecast

August 27, 2026

High pressure will begin to weaken on Thursday, allowing for slightly cooler temperatures and higher RHs, but also bringing increased southwest to westerly winds in the afternoon and early evening. By Friday, temperatures will cool another 5 degrees with humidities coming up. Next chance of rain/thunderstorms isn't anticipated until Saturday.

THURSDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly cloudy.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: Up to 10 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 71-76.

Minimum Humidity: 22-27 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Upslope/upvalley 3-5 mph becoming southwest 7-12 mph with gusts to around 25 mph in the afternoon.

Mixing Height: 2000 ft agl increasing to 7000 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: 50-55.

Maximum Humidity: 43-48 percent.

Wind (20 ft): Southwest to west 8-12 mph with gusts up to 25 mph in the evening. Becoming downslope/downvalley 2-4 mph after midnight.

Mixing Height: 4000 ft agl decreasing to 500 ft agl early in the evening.

Mixing Winds: West 10 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

FRIDAY

Sky/Weather: Mostly sunny.

CWR (> 0.10 Inch): 0 percent.

Chance Lightning: 0 percent.

Maximum Temperature: 65-70.

Minimum Humidity: 29-34 percent.

Wind (20 ft): West 5-10 mph.

Mixing Height: 2000 ft agl increasing to 7500 ft agl.

Mixing Winds: West 10 mph.

Precipitation Amount: 0.00 inches.

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST			Branch		Division/Group				
Incident Name					Alpha/Zulu				
Cherry Peak			Operational Period						
			Date 08/27/2026		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: Secure, mop-up, and patrol the fire perimeter for heat within one chain of the primary control line.									
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			
CR2I 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			
*SMOD Lolo 5A			Brett Dionne	5	H2 0600	H2 2100			
Special Instructions									
*Local resources that are on loan to the fire.									
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 08/26/2026		Time 1800	
Total # of Line Resources:		45							

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY (ICS 220)

1. Incident Name: Cherry Peak MT-LNF-260379		2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/27/2026 Time From: 0600		Date To: 8/28/2026 Time To: 2200		3. Sunset: 20:28		Pumpkin: 20:58	
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):			
TFR		127,1750		Air Tactical Group Supervisor Aircraft:		Order Air Attack through Missoula Dispatch			
7. Personnel:		Name:		Phone Number:					
Forest Aviation Officer		Josh Klare		406-360-0875					
Helibase Manager(t)		Mark Troxel		541-490-6146					
Helispots		H-1		Cherry Peak					
		H-2		47 29:32 115 11.04					
		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	Remarks			
8PJ	Type 1 CWN	Chinook CH-47	MSO/Plains	0830	0800	Cherry Peak/ Bucket			
7WF	Type 3 EU	Bell 407	Plains Helibase	0830	0800	Forest /A			
332N (Rappel)	Type 1 EU	Super Puma	Missoula AFD	0830	0800	NRGALend/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: 8/26/2026 Time: 1800		3. Operational Period: Date From: 8/27/2026 Time From: 0600 Date To: 8/27/2026 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	168.6250		168.6250	110.9	A	
5. Special Instructions:									
6. Prepared by: Name: KASEY CRAFT			Signature: <i>Kasey Craft</i>						
ICS 205			Date/Time: 08/26/2026 1800						

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.

1. Incident/Project Name				2. Operational Period			
Cherry Peak Fire				Date/Time 08/27/2026		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 8 th Ave Seattle, Washington		Lat:	47 36.169	Hr	Hr	206-744-3074 ER	☒ ☐
		Long:	-122 19.481				
		VHF:		4	7		
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)	
Trevor Unsworth, ICT3				08/26/2026		Trevor Unsworth, ICT3	
						08/26/2026	

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.