

# FIRE UPDATE

## Old Baldy Fire

August 4, 2020 11:00 a.m.

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Fire Information: 406-682-4253, Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Facebook: [Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest](#)

**Start Date:** August 1, 2020  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Current Size:** 129 acres  
**Total Personnel:** 66  
**Containment:** 0%

**Location:** Approximately 6 miles NE of Sheridan, MT

**Resources Assigned:** 2 – Type I Crews; 11 District Fire Personnel; 15 Smokejumpers; 4 Helicopters (Type 3 - light, Type 2 – medium, Type- 1 – heavy (2))

**Current Status:** Yesterday, the fire experienced interior burning and minimal perimeter growth due to slightly lower temperatures and higher relative humidities. The increase in acreage is largely due to more accurate mapping. Hot shot crews worked to construct a contingency line along the western edge of the fire where many dead trees made it difficult to engage the fire directly.

Similar fire behavior is expected today with single and group tree torching with short crown runs and spotting outside the current perimeter. Crews will continue to address spot fires and again attempt to hold the fire on the east side with the aid of multiple helicopters. Additional firefighting resources are expected to arrive today.

**Closure:** An area closure was issued on August 3, 2020 as all Forest access roads within the area are one way in and out in a popular recreation area: Beginning at the Beaverhead-Deerlodge (B-D) Forest boundary and FS Rd 111 and following FS Rd 111 (Mill Creek Rd) to the Branham Lakes Campground. Continuing North to West Branham Peak, from West Branham Peak Northwest to Long Mountain. Continuing North to Lonesome Peak, from Lonesome Peak Northwest to Granite Peak. Following the Madison Ranger District Boundary to Lakeshore Mountain. Continuing North into the Butte Ranger District to FS Rd 1007 (Boulder Creek Rd), Following FS Rd 1007 to the B-D Forest boundary. Continuing to follow the B-D Forest boundary South and East to the intersection of FS Rd 111 at the beginning. See attached.

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