

SITUATION REPORT

JEFFERSON COUNTY MT

Incident Edition

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| INCIDENT NAME | Doherty Mountain Fire |
| DATE | 08/01/2023 |
| Incident Summary | |
| Response Agencies | Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Montana DNRC, Willow Creek VFD, Whitehall VFD, Three Forks VFD, Boulder-Bull Mountain VFD, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, and the Montana Department of Transportation. |
| Incident Type | Wildfire |
| Incident Location | The northeast side of Doherty Mountain, northeast of Cardwell, MT. |
| Incident Duration | Undetermined |
| Impacts | Smoke, low flying aircraft visible from many locations, temporary flight restrictions. |
| Previous Activity | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A | |
| Current Activity | |
| <p>The fire was reported at approximately 12:45 pm on Tuesday, August 1st. The fire is burning in steep and rugged terrain on the northeast side of Doherty Mountain in southeastern Jefferson County. The fire is on Bureau of Land Management property protected by the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The fire has grown to approximately 100-150 acres. Initial attack on the fire was accomplished utilizing air resources including VLATs (Very Large Air Tankers), LATs (Large Air Tankers), and helicopter bucket drops. Volunteer fire departments provided structure protection on the south side of the fire. After fire retardant lines were established, crews were able to more safely move into the area to begin ground operations this afternoon. No evacuations have been necessary. The cause of the fire is currently undetermined. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is managing this fire and any public information requests should be made through that agency.</p> | |
| Planned Activity | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jurisdictional agencies in Jefferson County will continue to work closely with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and Montana DNRC to coordinate response to this incident. | |

- Expect to continue to see low-flying aircraft, smoke, and emergency vehicle traffic in the area for an extended period.

Requests

- It is CRITICAL that drones never be flown around a wildfire. Any drone spotted in the airspace around a fire will cause all air operations to cease, putting the lives of all first responders and the public in jeopardy.
- Do not stop on area highways and freeways to observe fire operations. Stopping creates another safety hazard and can distract or slow limited resources from their primary response roles.
- See the next section below for important information about how to get emergency notifications in Jefferson County.

HOW TO GET EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

- Sign up for emergency phone notifications at:
<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFD59278BCD2>
- Follow the Jefferson County, Montana Sheriff's Office Facebook Page
- Tune into your local low-power FM radio station:

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| Basin: 98.3 FM | Boulder: 105.9 FM | Cardwell: 106.1 FM | Elk Park: 103.7 FM |
| Jefferson City/Clancy: 100.3 FM | Montana City/Clancy: 105.9 FM | Whitehall: 106.5 FM | |

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