



# Bivens Creek Fire

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbdf-bivens-creek>

**August 24, 2025**

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**Northern Rockies Team 6, Incident Commander Rich Cowger**

**Location:** 15 miles northwest of Virginia City, MT

**Start Date:** 8/13/2025

**Cause:** Lightning; \*\* **Size:** 2,242 acres;

**Completion/Containment:** 0%

741 Total Personnel;

## KEY MESSAGE:

**Northern Rockies Team 6 under Incident Commander Rich Cowger, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, USDA Forest Service Northern Region, the Office of Montana Governor Greg Gianforte, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and Bureau of Land Management Western District are profoundly saddened to announce a line of duty death that occurred Sunday afternoon, August 24, 2025, on the Bivens Creek Fire in southwest Montana.**

The firefighter was actively involved in fire suppression on the ground when he suffered a cardiac emergency. Rapid medical assistance was rendered from a line paramedic; however, resuscitation attempts were unsuccessful.

Our hearts go out to his family and friends. The wildland fire community is inherently interagency, and a line of duty death impacts us all.

We deeply appreciate this firefighter's dedication to his profession and to the communities threatened by wildland fire.

Support is being provided to fellow professional wildland firefighters and friends on the Bivens Creek and Cloudrest Fires. The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be investigating. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

