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Human-caused Fire in Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness

DILLON, MONT., (August 14, 2004, 8:00 am) – A campfire near Lower Phyllis Lake in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness is the cause of a half-acre fire and public land users are asked to be extra careful as conditions dry out.

The Phyllis Lake Fire is approximately 20 miles northwest of Wisdom burning in an area that has restrictions on campfires all year long. Since it is a human caused fire, suppression action was taken by eight fire fighters from the Pintler Ranger District in Philipsburg, two smoke jumpers from Missoula and a helicopter. The fire is burning in timber.

Currently no fire restrictions are in place across southwest Montana, but with higher temperatures expected for the next several days, forest users are asked to be extra careful and to make sure your campfire is dead out before leaving the area.