

Ninko Creek fire is fully confined

Updated Oct. 5—On Friday, Sept. 18, a fire was discovered at Ninko Creek burning to the west of the 2003 Wedge Canyon Fire and north of Whale Creek (go to **GoogleMaps** for more details on the fire's location).

In a phone conversation on Sept. 27, Ms. Germann reported that there was no cause for alarm on the part of North Fork residents living near the fire. If the situation changed and there was cause for concern, the affected North Fork residents would be provided with plenty of warning by the Flathead County Sheriff's department coming door-to-door.

At the NFLA October business meeting held on the 3rd, Larry Wilson reported that the fire area had grown to 600 acres but continued to be well contained. The removal of the temporary port-a-potties was taken as an encouraging sign.

In an email on October 5th, Ms. Germann reported that the fire is fully confined but will continue to be staffed and monitored as needed until there is a "fire-ending event." Although residents in the area can expect to see some smoke as it smolders or burns in the interior of the fire, all roads and trails have been reopened.

The latest report on the Ninko Creek fire may be found on the **Incident Information System** website.

Additional information on the fire:

- Email from Denise Germann received on Sept. 29, 2009 at 7:00am - "no significant changes, and cooler temperatures and moisture expected."
- **Ninko Creek Fire Fact Sheet** dated Sept. 27, 2009 at 1:33pm - From Teresa Wenum, Hungry Horse / Glacier View Ranger District.
- **Map of Ninko Creek fire closures** dated Sept. 27, 2009 at 1:33pm - From Paula K. Peterson, Resource Assistant, Flathead National Forest.
- **Wildland Fire update** dated Sept. 27, 2009 at 11:15am - From Denise Germann, Public Relations Officer, Flathead National Forest.