

Fire burning in Yellowstone National Park

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A 150-acre fire was reported Sunday morning two miles south of Beach Lake in Yellowstone National Park.

The fire, burning in alpine fir, was discovered by an aircraft during a research flight.

Firefighters worked Sunday afternoon to suppress the fire as winds caused it to spread, according to a news release.

Two helicopters from Gallatin National Forest, an air tanker from Helena and another from Pocatello, Idaho, assisted Yellowstone National Park firefighters Sunday.

Joining them today are the Helena Hotshots and the Lewis and Clark Hotshots. Firefighters will direct the fire into meadows toward the west side of last year's Arnica Fire.

Today's weather forecast calls for a chance of afternoon showers and possible thunder-storms with gusty winds with temperatures in the upper 60s to low 70s.

As of this morning, no roads, trails or campsites are closed. The release said the fire poses no threat to park visitors, but some smoke may be visible.