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Incident Name: Big Burn or Big Blowup of 1910

Date: August 20 and 21, 1910

Personnel: many lives lost

Age: unknown

Agency/Organization: US Forest Service and others

Position: varies

Summary: During the very dry summer of 1910, thousands of small lightning fires burned in northeast Washington, northern Idaho's panhandle, and western Montana's wild and virgin timberland. Some of these fires burned for months. On August 20, the passage of a cold front brought 70 mph hurricane-force Palouse winds which fanned the many small fires into a massive crown-fire conflagration that burned approximately three million acres in two days -- August 20th and 21st -- creating the largest fire in recorded US history. The area burned included parts of the Cabinet, Clearwater, Coeur d'Alene, Flathead, Kaniksu, Kootenai, Lewis and Clark, Lolo, and St. Joe National Forests. The fires killed 87 people, 78 of them firefighters.

Pulaski Mine Entrance



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