

Mann Gulch 75th Memorial Tribute

August 3-5, 2024 Helena, MT

On August 5th, 1949, Mann Gulch was the site of one of the most well-known forest fire incidents in history. Thirteen young men lost their lives, most of whom were part of an elite group of firefighters known as smokejumpers. Another life was lost when a U.S. Forest Service employee died while investigating the fire.

Seventy-five years later we have not forgotten the sacrifice of these men and the lesson learned from this tragedy. We have gained a better understanding of fire behavior and have developed enhanced safety precautions, equipment, and wildland firefighter training.

Please join us in honoring this transformational tragedy for the families and wildland firefighters across the country.

To learn more about the Mann Gulch Fire, complete schedule of events, sponsorship information and more, please visit: montanadiscoveryfoundation.org/manngulch75

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August 3-5, 2024 Schedule of Events

The tentative schedule for the weekend-long event is as follows (subject to change):

Saturday, August 3, 2024 Myrna Loy Event

"Higgins Ridge" showing in the evening with post-film panel with former fire lab director, Colin Hardy and others.

Sunday, August 4, 2024 Beer Launch at Ten Mile Creek Brewing

Join us on the walking mall by Ten Mile Creek Brewing as we officially unveil a special commemorative beer brewed just for this event! \$1 from each pint sold will be donated to the Montana Discovery Foundation.

Miss Montana Fundraising Dinner

Join us in the evening (location still to be determined) for a special dinner to help facilitate the costs of bringing the Miss Montana plane to the capital.

Monday, August 5, 2024 Montana State Capitol Event

Join us for a special evening on the west lawn of the Montana State Capitol building. The evening will include opening remarks from U.S. Forest Service leadership, followed by John N. Maclean (son of Norman Maclean who wrote "Young Men and Fire") as our keynote speaker. Weather and FAA clearance permitting, Miss Montana will pass over the Capitol. We will also have 13 wreaths set up to honor each of the men.

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