

by high winds.

New Crew Goes Out.

A crew of men with a light equipped pack train left Barry this morning to make a quick trip into the Salmon forest (thought yesterday to be the Lemhi forest) at the head of the Bitter Root valley and look into the extent of the fire which is reported as severe. This party should report tomorrow.

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KALISPEL, Aug. 6.—No toots are to be had in the Flathead valley today which to fight the forest fires, which are raging in the heavy timber areas in the northern part of the county, and the men who are being sent out are but poorly equipped. Orders have been received from the district office at Missoula to order by wire all mattocks and tools necessary. Such men as would be suitable for fighting the fires are already in the woods, and they are not sufficient in number to handle the entire threatened stretch of country. No effort is made by officers to minimize the damage done or danger that threatens, and they all admit readily the situation is "pretty bad." With bad winds blowing at intervals of a few days for the past three weeks, the spread of the flames has been irresistible, although checked to a certain extent by constant watching.

Situation Very Serious.

It was reported by wire yesterday that fires were so bad in the vicinity of Stryker that the Great Northern operator there was on the point of leaving his post, and today Superintendent Smith sent an engine with two extra gangs and plenty of hose to ward the fire off