Pioneer Fire Update
Fri., July 29, 2016

Fire Information: 208-392-9634 **Hours**: 7a.m. – 8 p.m.
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Acres: 16,204
Containment: 27 percent
Location: 8 miles north of Idaho City, Idaho
Date of detection: 18 July 2016
Personnel: 992

Fire hazards: Steep terrain, dry fuels, poor access
Structures threatened: 10
Damaged or destroyed structures: 2
Evacuations: 35 people
Cost: $7,341,586

HOT SHOT CREWS	T 2 CREWS	CAMP CREWS	TYPE 1 HELICOPTERS (HEAVY)	TYPE 2 HELICOPTERS (MEDIUM)	TYPE 3 HELICOPTERS (LIGHTS)	ENGINES	WATER TENDERS	DOZERS	MASTICATORS
10	17	2	4	3	3	39	9	4	5

Community Meetings

Fire managers will provide updates and answer questions at three community meetings: Tonight at the Emergency Medical Services Building, seven miles east of Lowman on Highway 21; Saturday at the Crouch Community Hall; and Sunday at the Idaho City Senior Citizens Center. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

YESTERDAY – The fire again grew mainly eastward, increasing in size by more than 3,000 acres. Using retardant to try to keep the fire in check, firefighters attempted to build direct line east of Highway 21 to stop the fire's eastward progression. To the north, where fire is burning into Grimes Creek near Colter summit and in the headwaters of Rock Creek, firefighters are working to prevent fire from moving further down into Rock Creek drainage, and scouted for roads and natural barriers to construct contingency lines. On the southern flank, crews began burning south and east from bulldozed contingency lines in the Pilot Peak area to secure the fire down to Highway 21.

TODAY – Firefighters are taking actions south of Pilot Peak toward Mores Creek summit. They will continue to control and prevent new fire growth east of Highway 21. To the north of this area, they are assessing any structures and working on connecting roads and natural features to form a contingency line. In preparation for possible thunderstorms over the weekend, a crew will install water-bars on the southeastern perimeter to help prevent mud and water from entering the Elk Creek drainage, the watershed for Idaho City. On the western flank, where work is nearing completion, crews will continue to hold and improve the line.

Hot and dry conditions will prevail again today, producing similar fire behavior. Smoke will likely again be visible from great distances. A cold front is expected to move into the fire area tomorrow, bringing slightly cooler temperatures, gustier winds and the chance of thunderstorms.

The area closure order for the fire can be viewed online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices and at inciweb.nwcg.gov. ###