



Pioneer Fire Update

Monday, August 22, 2016

Idaho City Area Fire Information: 208-392-9634

Garden Valley Area Fire Information: 844-633-3090

Boise National Forest Fire Information: 208-384-3266



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Acres: 96,469

Containment: 50%

Personnel: 2,065

Resources assigned includes: 54 crews, 12 helicopters, 85 engines, 9 dozers, 36 water tenders, 7 masticators

BOISE, August 22, 2016 – The fire was very active yesterday and spread northerly in the Deadwood River drainage, generating a large smoke column visible throughout the afternoon. Fire spread was through Steven’s Creek, a bowl-shaped drainage flowing into the Deadwood River. There were no reports of fire crossing to the east side of Clear Creek. Roads serving as containment lines held, preventing fire spread further downslope in the Clear Creek drainage. Firefighters conducted additional brush removal in the Long Creek Summer home area, and conditions there remain damp and wet from the continuous use of sprinklers.

Colorado State University air quality researchers in search of smoky air began taking real-time air particle measurements at the Danskin Boat Launch.

The eastern portion of the fire continues to consume unburned islands of fuels, which produces smoke that can be viewed along HWY 21/Lowman area. Highway 17 is open, but remains susceptible to rocks, debris and trees that may fall onto the road from the burned hillsides. Highway 21, leaving Idaho City, is open as well; however, crews are using northwesterly winds to conduct localized burnout operations to clean up unburned islands within the fire perimeter.

The fire where the fire is backing down Black Bear Creek drainage-a steep, rugged area. Fire management strategies for the west side are concentrated on confining the fire north of Forest Road 380 and east of Forest Road 397, and protecting structures northeast of Pioneerville and Idaho Department of Land areas.

Suppression rehabilitation efforts continue in the southern portion of the fire and the Idaho City Ranger District today briefed a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team. The BAER team will work with the local units to prescribe and implement emergency treatments on Federal lands. This minimizes threats to life and property resulting from fire effects, and stabilizes and prevents unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources.

Hot and dry weather continues and an anticipated front may bring increased southwest winds, possibly increasing fire behavior.

A Level 2 evacuation order remains in effect for residents along the South Fork Road, east of the Grimes Pass Road and along the South Fork Payette River. All properties in the Lowman area and Pioneerville are under a Level 1 evacuation order. Homes along Forest Road 582 (Bear Valley Road) as well as the Long Creek summer homes area are in Level 2 evacuation status. Use caution traveling Highway 17 and please do not stop along the road corridor in the burned area or around helicopter dipping operations. Helicopters cannot dip from spots where cars are parked too close.

DETAILS — The Pioneer Fire Area Closure can be found at fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice and information at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866. Information is also available at [facebook.com/Pioneer-Fire-682201165260518](https://www.facebook.com/Pioneer-Fire-682201165260518) or email questions to pioneerfire2016@gmail.com.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME – Fire Information - <https://idfg.idaho.gov/fire>

SMOKE INFORMATION — Idaho smoke information can be found at idsmoke.blogspot.com

FIRE RESTRICTIONS — Please check fire restrictions at idahofireinfo.com