



Pioneer Fire Update

Tuesday, August 23, 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: 100,367

Containment: 47%

Personnel: 2,015

Resources assigned includes: 51 crews, 12 helicopters, 91 engines, 9 dozers, 37 water tenders, 7 masticators

BOISE, August 23, 2016 – Fire spread to the north along Deadwood Ridge was moderate yesterday, extending another mile north in dead timber while backing into the Pine Creek drainage. Firefighters extinguished several spot fires on the east side of Clear Creek Road. The fire spotted across the road in the evening, more than a mile north of the summer homes area, and crews worked into the night trying to contain it. Additional firefighters will join in that effort today.

Fire personnel are continuing to strengthen and improve containment lines on the northern perimeter from Highway 21 to Trapper Creek on the east. The eastern portion of the fire continues to consume unburned islands of fuels but has not extended the perimeter eastward to any degree. The southern perimeter from Willow Creek on the east, extending to Clear Creek on the west, has been contained and suppression repair is in full swing.

On the western flank, crews took advantage of favorable winds and were successful in burning the area north of Clear Creek, creating a fuel break that keeps the fire from moving south. Crews worked on holding this line throughout last night. Suppression actions were focused from the Halls Gulch area to Black Bear Creek area, where the fire is backing downslope. Fire management strategies today for the west side are concentrated on confining the fire north and east of Pioneerville and the Idaho Department of Land areas. Burning operations will be conducted when prudent and air resources will be used as needed. Suppression rehabilitation efforts continue in the southern portion of the fire.

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team is working with the local units to assess and prescribe 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.

Cooler temperatures are expected this week. Fire activity may remain the same or increase with up-drainage winds.

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 (Clear Creek Road) as well as the Long Creek summer homes area are in Level 2 evacuation status. The public using these highways is reminded to use caution when encountering fire equipment and personnel and give them adequate room when passing. Reduce speeds but do not stop in the fire area.

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 or email questions to pioneerfire2016@gmail.com.

HUNT INFORMATION - <https://idfg.idaho.gov/blog/2016/08/get-current-fire-information-here>

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

FIRE RESTRICTIONS — Please check fire restrictions at idahofireinfo.com