



## Pioneer Fire Update – Monday, September 19, 2016

Pioneer Fire Information: 208-259-3214, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Email: [pioneerfire2016@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerfire2016@gmail.com)

Web: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866)

Boise National Forest Fire Information: 208-373-4175

**Acres: 188,404    Containment: 63 percent    Personnel: 475**  
**Resources assigned: 8 crews, 4 helicopters, 19 engines, 4 water tenders**

**Lowman, Idaho** – After a damp beginning, Sunday turned warmer and drier, allowing the fire to gain seven acres. Firefighter efforts the past few days have contained an additional 1% of the Fire's perimeter. This is the equivalent of four miles.

Where it is safe to do so, firefighters are looking for opportunities to extinguish pockets of heat that remain along the eastern flank where the fire burned into the Lowman Fire scar. This is to prevent future spread towards the Long Creek Summer Homes area. The Level 2 Evacuation Notice remains in effect for this area. It will be reduced in the near future, which will allow unescorted access.

Along the northwestern flank, handcrews will be extinguishing hot spots discovered yesterday to keep the fire from progressing further west. All uncontained areas of the fire are being carefully watched throughout the day.

Firefighters completed chipping repair work along the 555-R spur road yesterday. This work minimizes erosion on exposed soils and stabilizes the road to make it safer to travel.

Dozer and handline repair is progressing along the Deadwood Lookout. They expect three more days of work before it can be repaired. This repair work protects the soil, disguises scars and helps the landscape recover more quickly. Firefighters are also retrieving gas cans, removing pumps and associated equipment and hauling trash from the Fire area.

Additional dozer and handline was discovered in the southern flank. Resource advisors are developing a repair plan that will help guide equipment operators with repair work.

The weather is expected to stay warm and dry for a few days in advance of another front that may bring rain to the area later this week. The amount of precipitation will depend upon the track the storm follows as it moves inland from the Pacific coast.

Due to the decrease in Fire activity and decline in aircraft use in the southern part of the Fire, the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) for the Pioneer Fire was reduced. This opens all airstrips that were previously closed. To view the new TFR, visit: [http://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_6\\_4157.html](http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_6_4157.html)

Hunters and recreationalist are asked to be respectful of the Fire Area Closure that remains in effect. Hundreds of firefighters are concentrated in this area driving heavy equipment and supplies daily. A map and detailed information is located at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

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