



Pioneer Fire Update – Thursday, September 22, 2016

Pioneer Fire Information: 208-259-3214, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Email: 2pioneerfire2016@gmail.com

Web: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866

Boise National Forest Fire Information: 208-373-4175

Acres: 188,404 Containment: 64 percent Personnel: 480
Cost: \$93.1M Resources assigned: 9 crews, 4 helicopters, 16 engines, 4 water tenders

A new email address was established for the Pioneer Fire. Please email questions to 2pioneerfire2016@gmail.com

Lowman, Idaho – A low pressure system that has been moving in off of the Oregon Coast will arrive today, bringing up to 1" of rain over the fire area. The main force of the system is expected to arrive around noon and pass Friday evening. This moisture has the potential to cause flooding and debris flows in and around the fire area.

As moisture accumulates over areas severely impacted by the fire, road shoulders will become softer and falling debris may fall across roadways. If it is not necessary to drive Hwy 21 or Hwy 17, please stay off the roads.

A hotspot was detected in an area above Pole Creek yesterday. For the past week, this area has not shown any fire behavior, thus proving that despite moist and cooler weather, the Fire is not yet out. Firefighters will take action to contain it today, if safe to do so.

Fire is smoldering and creeping near the creek below to the 555 Road. The handline constructed on the Scott Mountain ridge line south of the Scott Mountain Road is also still holding heat. Firefighters are monitoring these areas. Snags and other hazards surround these hot spots, making it dangerous for firefighters to extinguish. If firefighters take action, they will do so ensuring their safety first.

Several stretches of dozer and handline repair were completed yesterday. Handline around the Long Creek Summer Homes is complete as well as the dozer line below Deadwood Lookout. Dozer repair work was also completed near the Golden Eagle Mine.

If safe to move heavy equipment, an excavator will be moved down the 555Rd to the Lowman Incident Command Post today. When the excavator reaches Hwy 17, the Idaho State Police will assist with controlling road traffic to Lowman as the large machinery will be moving slowly through the windy canyon. This transport is expected to last approximately six hours, starting around noon today.

The excavator will begin working on the two remaining projects located west of Warm Spring Creek ridgeline and North of Deer Flat Friday.

The Temporary Flight Restriction currently in place over the Pioneer Fire will be released late this afternoon.

EVACUATION NOTICES: The Summer Homes area in Long Creek remains at a Level 2 Notice.

FIRE AREA CLOSURE remains in effect. A map and detailed information is located at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices>.

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

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