



Pioneer Fire Update – Saturday, September 24, 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: 65% Personnel: 395
Cost: \$94.1M Resources assigned: 6 crews, 4 helicopters, 15 engines, 4 water tenders

Lowman, Idaho – The Boise National Forest revised the Fire Area Closure as a result of increased containment on the southern portion of the Pioneer Fire. The new area open lies:

- East of Highway 21, North of Banner Ridge Road, (NFS Road 385)
- South of Highway 21 from Lowman to Eightmile Creek
- North of Banner Ridge Road (NFS Road 385) to the junction of Archie Creek Road (NFS Road 542)
- North of the junction of Archie Creek Road following the edge of the Pioneer Fire burn scar

All other closures remain the same as before. This includes areas north of the South Fork Payette River and all areas within the fire scar, south of the South Fork Payette River. A map and detailed information of the closure area is at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

A flight carrying an infrared camera will take place this morning over the Long Creek area to see what heat remains near the Summer Homes. Depending upon what appears, a crew may be sent to extinguish the hot spots.

A warming trend is setting up over the fire area which meteorologists expect to last for several days. As conditions dry out, fire behavior will become a little more active in the understory, making it easier for firefighters to find and suppress the spots.

Three excavators were moved from Lowman to the Deer Flat area Friday in preparation for starting repair work today. Two excavators will use the 579 Rd to access dozer line near Deer Flat. A third excavator will be working West of Warm Springs Creek. The repair work is expected to last four or five days. If planning to use the 579 Road to access areas north of the Fire area, please do so with caution. Firefighters are also using the road to access Deadwood Spike Camp, established at Deadwood Reservoir.

The processor is starting to clean up the downed trees along the 316 Road. The work should be complete by the end of the weekend. Once this phase is done, a chipper will begin to finish the repairs.

Rainfall that occurred Thursday temporarily shut down the 555 Road firefighters use to access Deadwood Spike Camp. An engineer assessed the integrity of the road Friday, deeming it safe for firefighters to use. It remains closed to the public.

There is a possibility of morning fog and freezing temperatures Sunday which may form black ice on paved roads. With hunters and other recreationalists coming to the area, we ask drivers to slow down and use caution. Falling debris on both Hwy 21 and 17 is still possible.

EVACUATION NOTICES: The Summer Homes in the Long Creek area is at a Level 1 Notice.

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

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