



## Pioneer Fire Update – Sunday, September 25, 2016

Pioneer Fire Information: 208-259-3214, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Email: [2pioneerfire2016@gmail.com](mailto:2pioneerfire2016@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: 65% Personnel: 360**  
**Cost: \$94.4M Resources assigned: 5 crews, 4 helicopters, 14 engines, 4 water tenders**

Lowman, Idaho – As the 70<sup>th</sup> day dawns on the Pioneer Fire, a warming and drying trend is setting up. This will increase the potential for the Fire to begin creeping in areas where vegetation is exposed to wind and direct sunlight. Occasional tree torching may occur midweek as the timber and grasses dry. The Fire is not growing, which is allowing firefighters to slowly increase the Fire's containment.

Several places that have been dormant for some time are revealing wispy smokes. This includes areas above Crooked River, Scott Creek and the higher elevations of Miller Mountain above South Fork. Several of these locations are not easily accessible to firefighters. Last night, an infrared flight took place. This will help firefighters pinpoint heat today. They will extinguish the hotspots if they are able to reach them safely.

A feller-buncher with a processor head working on the 316 Road should complete the road work today and will move to another repair project Monday. A chipper is ready to begin chipping the woody debris left by the feller-buncher. The repair work on the Road will be complete when the chipper is finished.

Firefighters will begin repairing contingency lines that were discovered Saturday between the 555 Road and the northern part of the Fire today. Excavators are beginning their second shift repairing dozer lines near Deer Flat north of the 579 Road, and west of Warm Springs Creek. This work should be complete by mid to late week.

Timber fallers are cutting hazard trees along the 582 Road and Rock Creek, making the roads safer for travel. It will also make it safer for those who have permits to collect wood.

Handcrews are picking up hose, pumps and other equipment from fire lines and returning it to the Incident Command Post. Camp crews are inventorying and packaging it in preparation for returning them to a larger cache in Boise, Idaho.

There is heavy traffic on the 579 Road, including fire personnel, hunters, woodcutters, and general recreationists. Please drive slowly and remember to share the road. Watch for fallen rocks and woody debris on Hwy 21 and 17.

A Fire Area Closure remains in effect. A map and detailed information is located at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices>.

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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