



Pioneer Fire Update – Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Pioneer Fire Information: 844-633-3090, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., or inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866

Boise National Forest Fire Information: 208-373-4175

Acres: 188,404 Containment: 65 percent Personnel: 336
Cost: \$95.0M Resources assigned: 4 crews, 5 helicopters, 14 engines, 1 water tender

LOWMAN, Idaho – Temperatures in the Lowman area soared to the mid 80's yesterday, marking a 12 degree jump from normal. Consequently, areas above Scott's Creek and Nellie Creek that are exposed to sun and wind began torching. For the first time in a week, firefighters called on the assistance of a helicopter to deliver water.

The warming and drying trend will build through tomorrow. Trees in the interior may begin torching while pockets of heat that are still smoldering may begin to creep as a result. Firefighters are in key locations to take action if necessary to prevent further growth.

An infrared flight took place last night to detect areas of heat that remain of concern to firefighters. A spot below the Deadwood Lookout and a spot behind the Summer Homes in Long Creek will be assessed today. If firefighters can access the areas, they will mop-up the heat. Isolated pockets of heat will require firefighter's attention until sustained rain or snow extinguishes the Fire.

Crews are repairing suppression impacts in areas where the Fire is cold. This includes collecting unnecessary hoses, pumps, equipment, flagging and other signage that has accumulated over time.

In the northern parts of the fire, crews are removing snags along the 555 and associated spur roads. Two pieces of dozer line are being repaired by three excavators. These are located above the Middle Fork of Warm Springs Creek and north of the 579 Road west of Deer Flat. Firefighters will finish most of the repair work by the weekend.

Firefighters are also repairing steep handlines that once tied into Scott Creek. This involves placing water bars and covering the four foot wide containment line with cut vegetation. This activity reduces erosion and stream sedimentation, which is important to protect fish habitat. This also reduces scarring and will prevent future use of the area.

In the southern part of the fire, a machine is chipping woody debris along the 316 Road.

There will be very little change in the unseasonably warm temperatures and drying conditions. Skies will be mostly sunny through the day and into Wednesday. Fire behavior may increase as these conditions persist.

For more information about remaining forest closures, visit the Boise National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices>.

EVACUATION NOTICES: The Summer Homes in Long Creek area are at a Level 1 Notices.

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

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