



# Fire Update

**Sheep Fire**  
**877-599-7716**

**Monday, October 1, 2012 8 a.m.**

**Current Size: 47,700 acres**

**Containment: 41%**

**Resources: Personnel-329, Engines-16, Helicopters-3, Crews-5, Dozers-3, Water Tenders-11**

Start Date: September 6, 2012

Cause: Human, under investigation

Location: East side of US 95 near Lucile, ID – Nez Perce NF and other lands

**Current Status:** Yesterday, crews finished lining two spot fires between Allison Creek and Fiddle Creek, which were cooled down by helicopter bucket drops. On the north side, fire moved slowly upslope on the north side of North Fork of Slate Creek, and stalled in rocky terrain with sparse fuels. Crews were aided by the addition of two more dump trucks, and made substantial progress cleaning fuel breaks. Two to three days work remain before completion.

**Planned Actions:** Today's plan is to continue the work already in progress around the fire. Firefighters will take advantage of today's weather to secure lines wherever possible in advance of the approaching cold front accompanied by high winds. Mop up and patrol will be ongoing on most fronts. Aircraft support will be employed wherever necessary. Suppression repair crews will restore hand lines and dozer lines to natural conditions on the west side, while felling crews remove snags. Mop up of spot fires in North Fork of Fiddle Creek will continue. Processing and removal of heavy fuels and brush along FR 463, and along indirect lines between FR 398 and FR 221 will occupy crews with heavy equipment.

**Weather:** Yesterday's temperatures were in the 80s, with relative humidity 20% to 25% in low country, and 67 degrees with 30% humidity on ridges, and northwest wind at 8 mph. Today, as a cold front approaches, dry air and stronger wind will challenge firefighters. Wind is predicted to be west at 16 mph, with humidity in the 15% to 25% range. High temperature is predicted to be 69 degrees. Wind is expected to be from the west at 30 mph tonight, and west at 15-25 mph gusting to 35 mph on Tuesday, with humidity in the 20% - 30% range. Combined with air temperature in the 72-84 degrees range, conditions will be conducive for very active fire behavior.

Private landowners who have suffered damage from the Sheep Fire may contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at (208)983-1046 ext. 109. The NRCS may be able to provide some services for you. Also, the Idaho Department of Lands can provide reforestation technical assistance (208-924-5571). **Businesses** impacted by wildfires may contact the SBA (Small Business Administration) to apply for Economic Injury Disaster loans at (800)659-2955, or [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).

**Attention hunters:** For current fire closure perimeters and units, see Idaho Game & Fish website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/article/do-fire-closures-leave-you-hunting-spot-hunt>.

## **Closures: Forest Service**

The restricted area begins at the Forest Boundary at CR/FR 243, then east along FR 243 to the junction of FR 221 at Four Corners, from the junction of FR 221 and FR 243 south to Rocky Bluff Campground, from the Rocky Bluff Campground south along the Wilderness Boundary to the Salmon River at Carey Creek, from Carey Creek west along the Salmon River and CR 1614 to the Forest Boundary near Island Bar, and then north along the Forest Boundary to CR/FR 243. In addition, **FR 309 (Hungry Ridge Road) is closed** starting at T28N, R4E, NE ¼ Section 16 south to junction with FR 221 at T27N, R3E, SE ¼ Section 26, Boise Meridian. Also, **FR 444 (Gospel Road) is closed** starting at T27N, R3E, SE ¼ Section 24, southeasterly to Square Mountain Historical Lookout at T26N, R5E, SE ¼ Section 8, BM.

**For more information on the Sheep Fire:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3240/>

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