



# Pioneer Fire Update

## Wednesday, August 24, 2016

**Idaho City Area Fire Information:** 208-392-9634  
**Garden Valley Area Fire Information:** 844-633-3090  
**Boise National Forest Fire Information:** 208-384-3266  
 **@BoiseNF**    **#PioneerFire**     **Pioneer Fire**

**Acres: 101,922**

**Containment: 40%**

**Personnel: 1,908**

**Resources assigned includes: 46 crews, 13 helicopters, 86 engines, 9 dozers, 35 water tenders, 7 masticators**

BOISE, August 24, 2016 – The Pioneer Fire will be entirely managed by the Great Basin Incident Management Team 1. Personnel are being briefed to ensure everyone is clear on the chain of command and other coming changes so that firefighter and public safety remains the highest priority.

The resources working in the Black Bear Creek drainage are making great strides burning fuel along prepared dozer lines and securing the road system in advance of the fire.

Burnout operations along the road systems in the Miller and Hall Gulch areas above Pioneerville were successful in securing the road by removing the available fuel between the active fire and the road edge. Additional firing opportunities are being evaluated along the remaining unsecured lines. The fire in Clear Creek drainage spotted across the road and is moving up hill on Deadwood Ridge and away from the summer homes. Firefighters are working on the spot fire and are being supported by aircraft.

Fire crews are repairing fire lines and recovering fire equipment used during suppression. The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team are assessing and developing a plan for rehabilitation of sensitive areas, repair of infrastructure and stabilization of steep slopes. Assessment of historical and archeological sites is being conducted as part of the suppression rehabilitation.

Weather forecasts are calling for cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity recoveries over the next few days with a warming trend returning this weekend. Winds have been favorable and have assisted fire crews in holding efforts on the western flank.

A Level 2 evacuation order remains in effect for residents along the South Fork Road, east of the Grimes Pass Road and along the South Fork Payette River. All properties in the Lowman area and Pioneerville are under a Level 1 evacuation order. Homes along Forest Road 582 (Clear Creek Road) as well as the Long Creek summer homes area are in Level 2 evacuation status. The public using these highways is reminded to use caution when encountering fire equipment and personnel and give them adequate room when passing. Reduce speeds but do not stop in the fire area.

**Community Meetings have been scheduled for Placerville on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the plaza and in Lowman on Saturday evening at Fire Station #80 on State Route 21**

**DETAILS** — The Pioneer Fire Area Closure can be found at [fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice](https://fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice) and information at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866). Information is also available at [facebook.com/Pioneer-Fire-682201165260518](https://facebook.com/Pioneer-Fire-682201165260518) or email questions to [pioneerfire2016@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerfire2016@gmail.com).

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

**SMOKE INFORMATION** — Idaho smoke information can be found at [idsmoke.blogspot.com](http://idsmoke.blogspot.com)

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS** — Please check fire restrictions at [idahofireinfo.com](http://idahofireinfo.com)