



# Pioneer Fire Update

## Thursday, August 25, 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  
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**Acres: 102,746                      Containment: 38%                      Personnel: 1,847**

**Resources assigned includes: 45 crews, 13 helicopters, 89 engines, 9 dozers, 36 water tenders, 7 masticators**

BOISE, August 25, 2016 – The Pioneer Fire continued slow growth to the northeast Wednesday but good progress was made on control lines on the west and northwest perimeter. “It sounds like great news on the fire line” said Incident Commander Beth Lund, but she warned fire fighters against becoming complacent because the potential for significant fire activity still exists. Great Basin Incident Management Team 1 is now managing the entire fire area, which was previously handled by two separate management teams. Hot shot crews and other personnel, with help from helicopter bucket drops, made good gains toward securing the western part of the line in Charlotte Gulch. Elsewhere, crews worked to check the fires’ spread into the Long Creek drainage, above the Long Creek Summer Homes area.

Today’s operational plan calls for completing the line near Charlotte Gulch, as well as securing another portion of line along the South Fork Payette River between Dodge and Black Bear Creeks. Crews will continue working the active edge between Clear Creek and Long Creek. Helicopters will be used as needed, as soon as the smoke clears and they are able to fly safely. Crews are also repairing older fire lines and recovering fire equipment used during the past month of firefighting.

Weather forecasts are calling for a warming trend returning this weekend but winds are expected to be favorable for firefighting operations today.

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) and the Long Creek summer homes area are in Level 2 evacuation status. Highways 17 and 21 are open but the public 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 tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the plaza, at the Crouch Community Center tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:00 p.m. and in Lowman on Saturday night 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](http://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://www.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)