



Pioneer Fire Update

Friday, August 26, 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: 104,263 Containment: 53% Personnel: 1,678

Resources assigned includes: 39 crews, 13 helicopters, 80 engines, 6 dozers, 34 water tenders, 6 masticators, 2 skidders

BOISE, August 26, 2016 – Progress continued to be made yesterday on the Pioneer Fire as hand crews, engines, and equipment successfully held and strengthened control lines on the west flank of the fire near the South Fork Payette River and Black Bear Creek. Containment of this section of the fire is critical in securing the fire south of the river. During the evening, engines patrolled the Grimes Creek area northeast of Pioneerville to monitor fire conditions and take suppression action as necessary.

The weather across the fire Friday will be similar to that experienced Thursday. Although a significant portion of the fire is achieving containment status, the portion of the fire between Deadwood River and Clear Creek will continue to move slowly to the north and east. In anticipation of potential fire growth crews are clearing around buildings at Bureau of Reclamation facilities near Deadwood Reservoir.

Two archaeologists have been assigned to the fire and will assist with fire line rehabilitation work. Archaeologists assist fire personnel by identifying areas that were disturbed during the fire suppression effort, and then provide guidance to those doing the rehabilitation work, in particular work near areas of cultural significance.

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has completed their initial field work on the fire. They have started to determine what actions will be necessary to minimize future impact to the fire area and surrounding communities. Additional field work may be necessary as the fire nears control.

Evacuation levels for the South Fork Road, east of Grimes Pass Road and along South fork Payette River have been lowered from Level 2 to a Level 1. All properties in the Lowman area and Pioneerville remain 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, the first for Crouch tonight at 7:00 p.m., at the Crouch Community Center. The next one is in Lowman on Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. 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 and information at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866. Information is also available at facebook.com/Pioneer-Fire-682201165260518 or email questions to 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

FIRE RESTRICTIONS — Please check fire restrictions at idahofireinfo.com