



Pioneer Fire Update – Sunday, September 18, 2016

Pioneer Fire Information: 208.259.3214, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Email: pioneerfire2016@gmail.com

Web: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4866

Boise National Forest Fire Information: 208-373-4175

Acres: 188,397 Containment: 62 percent Personnel: 494
Resources assigned: 10 crews, 6 helicopters, 19 engines, 5 water tenders

Lowman, Idaho – The approaching cold front brought cooler temperatures and light rain Saturday afternoon. With the rain comes falling rocks and debris as well as soft muddy shoulders. Firefighters will take cautious steps today as they remove these new hazards from roadways.

With over 400 miles of containment lines and perimeter to cover, suppression repair work is a long slow process on the Pioneer Fire. While there was no change in containment, the Fire did not grow yesterday.

Two handcrews assessed an area along the far northern perimeter where the Pioneer Fire is moving into the old Buck Fire scar. After determining it was safe to take action, they constructed a narrow handline to prevent further movement.

Several consecutive days of warming and drying revealed some small pockets of heat above the Long Creek Summer Homes yesterday afternoon. Firefighters will assess the area today and will extinguish remaining heat if safe to do so.

The Fire is slowly advancing in the Bear Valley Creek, Crooked River and Deadwood River drainages. Firefighters are monitoring the fire and will take action to suppress it if it reaches strategic locations firefighters can use to safely take action.

Chipping operations and dozer repair work is an ongoing process. Additional dozer and handline needing repair work was discovered yesterday in the southern flank. A repair plan will be developed to take action on it today.

A spike camp was established near Deadwood Reservoir on Saturday to support approximately 300 firefighters working in the northern flanks of the fire. This allows them to access the fire area faster and reduces drive time for firefighters.

Cloud cover the next several days should keep the fire quiet. Despite recent rain, the fire will smolder and creep in the duff and litter underneath any timbered canopy. Large logs and stumps on the fire's interior will burn until a deep snow arrives.

A Fire Area Closure remains in effect. A map and detailed information is located at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

Evacuation Notices: The Summer Homes area in Long Creek remains at a Level 2 Notice.

Today is the FINAL day the Air Quality Report will be produced idsmoke.blogspot.com.

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS: http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_6_3323.html

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

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