



## Northern Idaho Wildfire Update August 13, 2015



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**Fire Information:** [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov)

**Restriction Information:** <http://idahofireinfo.blogspot.com/> or <http://firerestrictions.us/>

**Fire Danger Rating:** **EXTREME** National Wildfire Preparedness Moves to Highest Level (PL 5)

Fires will start easily, spread rapidly, have a quick increase in intensity and can be very difficult to control.

**Stage II Fire Restrictions in effect within Grangeville & Coeur d'Alene Dispatch Restriction Areas.**

**Weather:** There is a Red Flag Warning until 8:00 pm tonight. Today will be hot and unstable with relatively light winds. A strong cold front tonight and Friday is expected to produce strong thunderstorms and windy conditions. Temperatures will be in the high 90s to lower 100s and winds ranging from 15 to 30 mph with gusts around 40 mph.

**Incident Summary:** Listing of active fires (attached).

- **3 Sisters Fire:** 228 acres, 100% contained. 8/4 start. Management has transitioned to the local unit.
- **Parker Ridge Fire** 995 acres, zero% containment. 7/29 start. Type 3 IMT (Weeks) implementing structure protection and fighting the fire primarily with aviation resources due to the terrain.
- **Marble Creek Fire** 90 acres, zero% containment. 8/11 start. Type 3 IMT (Almas ) St. Joe RD
- **Slaughter House Fire** 47 acres, 8/10 start, managed by Idaho Dept. of Lands
- **North Grizzly Fire** 40 acres, 8/12 start, managed by Type 3 IMT (Day)

**Additional Information:**

- **New Closures:** Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District due to the **Grizzly Mountain Fire:** Forest Roads # 260, #959, #993, #994, #1568 and Forest Trails #807 (Indian Creek) and 807A (Indian Creek). The **Bennett Peak Fire Closure:** Forest Road #602 (Little Guard Road) and Forest Trail #81 (Shoshone Ridge).
- **Coeur d'Alene Tanker Base** yesterday had 97 plane trips in & out of the base primarily for retardant reloading and refueling. To date this year over 860,000 gallons of retardant have been used as compared to an average use of under 200,000 gallons per year.
- Recent lightning storms have resulted in at least 35 new fires across north Idaho with the majority located on the St. Joe and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger Districts. Most are less than a tenth of an acre. The largest fire is approximately 90 acres and is located near Marble Creek on the St. Joe Ranger District. Due to the fires being lightning caused, most are located high on ridge tops and none pose any imminent threat to structures
- A closure is in place for Parker Ridge Trail #221 (Sections 7 and 8 of T64N, R1W and sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 2, and 27 of R2W) and the Fisher Peak Trail. Under this closure order, the public is prohibited to go into or be upon this trail.

<b>Incident Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Size Acre</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Protection Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
Canyon	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/12: smoke check*
Bennett Peak	CZ – Coeur d’Alene			IPNF	Start 8/12: unstaffed
Caribou Creek	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/12: unstaffed
Halm Creek	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/12: unstaffed
North Grizzly	CZ – Coeru d’Alene	40		IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT3 (Day)
Downey	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	0.5		IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT5 (Babin) est. containment 8/13
Lower Flat	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	6		IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT5 (Ratcliffe)
Lightning Ridge	SZ – St. Joe	2		IPNF	Start 8/12: unstaffed
Hoyt	SZ – St. Joe	1.4		IPNF	Start 8/12
Lower Stoney	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	0.75		IPNF	Start 8/11 ICT5 (Cotter)
Upper Stoney	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	1.3		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Jerome) 70% contained
Snow Peak Trail	SZ - St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:patrol-unstaffed
Rutledge Creek	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:patrol-unstaffed
Granite Pony	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	0.1		IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Ruby	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:unstaffed
Grizzly Ridge	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	0.3		IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
North Suburban (Park 2)	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	2.5		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT 5
South Suburban	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	.5		IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Falls Ridge		0.9	IPNF	IDL	Start 8/11:contained
Pocono	SZ-St. Joe	0.3	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Flat Creek 2	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	.25		IPNF	Start 8/11: unstaffed, minimal fire activity
Marble Creek	SZ - St. Joe	90	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: ICT3 (Almas)
Boulder Creek		0.1	Private	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Pond Peak	CZ – Coeur d’Alene	.5		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Braynard) 40% lined
Horse Camp	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11: smoke check*
Berge Creek	SZ – St. Joe	0.2	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
Gold Creek	SZ – St. Joe	0.1	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Berdman)
Shady Creek	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:unstaffed

Bobtail	CZ-Coeur d'Alene	0.3	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Character	CZ – Coeur d'Alene	0.1	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Whitetail Peak	SZ – St. Joe	0.1	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Fuzzy	SZ – St. Joe	1	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/10:ICT5 constructing line
Klette Road	CZ – State - Cataldo	2	IDL	IDL	Start 8/10:contained
Slaughter House	SZ – State – West St. Joe	40	IDL	IDL	Start 8/10:T3 IC (Newton) 75% contained
3 Sisters	NZ-Pend Oreille	228	IDL	IDL	Start 8/4: IMT3(Svancara) 100% contained Transitioning to local unit 8/13 1200
Parker Ridge	NZ – Bonners Ferry	995	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/29: TMT3(Weeks) structure/private property protection
Hobo	SZ- St. Joe	45	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/23: contained/ monitored/unstaffed
Elevator	SZ-St. Joe	25	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/22; contained/ monitored/unstaffed
Abandon	NZ – Priest Lake- State	30	IDL	IDL	Start 7/20: contained/ mopup/patrol
Cape Horn	NZ-Pend Oreille	1326	Multi	IDL	Start 7/5: contained /patrol/ cause under investigation

\*Smoke Check: Firefighters have been dispatched but a size up (size and jurisdiction) is not yet available

**STAGE II Fire Restrictions: The following acts are prohibited until further notice:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated smoking site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans for non-commercial purposes including ATVs, UTVs, and pickups.
4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in **a, b, and c** below:
  - a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building, woodcutting or any other off-road activity during industrial operations.
  - b. Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
  - c. Using an explosive

**\*Private landowners within city boundaries should consult their local Fire Department for current restrictions in their community.**