



Northern Idaho Wildfire Update August 14, 2015



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Fire Information: 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

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms today with the cold front. A second round of storms tonight with the incoming parent low, these will be accompanied by the potential for abundant lightning and may produce damaging winds, large hail and heavy rainfall in the afternoon and evening. Temperatures today -highs in the mid to upper 80s with lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Southwest wind today 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the afternoon and to 35 mph tonight. Chance of precipitation 50 % today and 30 % tonight, with rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch...except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. The front will usher in cooler temperatures and eventually better humidity recoveries. Additional shower and thunderstorm chances will come in through next week.

Incident Summary: Listing of active fires (attached).

- **Parker Ridge Fire** 1,200 acres, zero% contained. 7/29 start. NW of Bonners Ferry, Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) (Weeks). Firefighters on structure protection and line construction with aviation water drops to slow fire's progress.
- **Marble Creek Fire** 90 acres, zero% contained. 8/11 start. St. Joe RD Type 3 IMT (Almas)
- **Slaughter House Fire** 47 acres, 75% contained 8/10 start, under Idaho Dept. of Lands-West St. Joe Type 3 Incident Commander (IC) (Verlancik)
- **North Grizzly Fire** 100 acres, 8/12 start, under Type 3 IMT (Day) fire activity on all flanks of fire
- **Not Creative Fire** 15 acres 8/13 start, ICT 3, under Idaho Dept. of Lands- Cataldo near Rose Lake
- **Tower Fire** 150 acres in Idaho, fire started in Colville National Forest, is visible from Priest Lake. Fire came east of South Baldy Mountain. Burning in heavy timber and downfall. Type 4 IC.

Additional Information:

- **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). Under this closure order, the public is prohibited to go into or be upon these roads and trails.
- **Closures: Bonners Ferry Ranger District** due to the **Parker Ridge Fire:** 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.
- Lightning storms continue to create 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. Due to the fires being lightning caused, most are located on ridge tops and do not pose imminent threat to structures.

Incident Name	Location	Current Size Acre	Jurisdiction	Protection Agency	Status
Cougar Creek	CZ-Coeur d'Alene River				Start 8/13:
POS McQuade Gulch	NZ- State – Pend Oreille				Start 8/13:responding
Tamarack Ridge	CZ-State-Cataldo	0.25 acre		IDL	Start 8/13:just off I-90 W side Tamarack Ridge, ICT5
D6 Scotchman Peak	NZ-Sandpoint				Start 8/13:reports of flames
Not Creative	CZ-State-Cataldo	15 acres			Start 8/13: ICT 3
Benewah Creek	SZ-State-West St. Joe	1 acre		IDL	Start 8/13:ICT 4, firefighters worked through the night
Echo Springs	SZ-State-West St. Joe				Start 8/13:smoke check*
Sawtooth Peak	SZ – St. Joe				Start 8/13:good column, light precipitation near Black Mountain
DeSmet Pond	SZ-Coeur d'Alene Tribe	0.2 acre		IDL	Start 8/13: ICT5
My Creek	SZ- St. Joe	10 acres		IPNF	Start 8/13: patrol
Mozier	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/13:single tree will staff 8/14
Cedar		0.8 acre		IPNF	Start 8/13: ICT5 est contained 8/14
Big Lost		10 acres		IDL	Start 8/13:contained
Kyle		0.1 acre		IPNF	Start 8/13:ICT5 est contained 8/14
West Fork Eagle	CZ-Coeur d'Alene River	0.1 acre			Start 8/13:dropped buckets
Puffin Berry	NZ-State Pend Oreille	0.1 acre		IDL	Start 8/13:ICT5 lined
Chicadee	SZ- St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/13:smoke check*
East Suburban		0.3 acre		IPNF	Start 8/13:contained
Black Mountain		0.2 acre		IPNF	Start 8/13:ICT5
Bennett Peak	USFS CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	3		IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT 5 saw line around most; fire is calm
Caribou Creek	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/12:patrol, unstaffed, proposed wilderness
Halm Creek	SZ – St. Joe			IPNF	Start 8/12:patrol,unstaffed

North Grizzly	CZ – Coeru d’Alene River	100		IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT3 (Day), all flanks active, 4,000 foot column
Downey	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.5		IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT5 (Babin) Main fire is lined, working on lining spots, est. containment 8/14
Lower Flat	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	8		IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT4, zero% containment, fairly calm, backing downhill
Lightning Ridge	SZ – St. Joe	2		IPNF	Start 8/12: unstaffed
Hoyt	SZ – St. Joe	1.4		IPNF	Start 8/12: (Patton) intense mop up needed
Lower Stoney	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.8	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11 ICT5 (Cotter), Mod 33
Upper Stoney	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	1.3		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Jerome) contained
Snow Peak Trail	SZ - St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:seen 8/12, patrol-unstaffed
Rutledge Creek	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11: seen 8/12, patrol-unstaffed
Granite Pony	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.1		IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Ruby	SZ – St. Joe	.		IPNF	Start 8/11:unstaffed SMKJ order UTF’d 8/12
Grizzly Ridge	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.3		IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
North Suburban (Park 2)	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	3.5		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT 5 (Fuller) fire is lined, 3 firefighters, working heavies on NW side of ridge
South Suburban	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	.3		IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Falls Ridge		0.9	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
Pocono	SZ-St. Joe	0.3	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Flat Creek 2	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	.25		IPNF	Start 8/11: unstaffed, minimal fire activity
Marble Creek	SZ - St. Joe	90	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: ICT3 (Almas) aircraft 4CH; Greyback, zero% contained
Boulder Creek		0.1	Private	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Pond Peak	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	1		IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Braynard) aircraft OTA, contained
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 River	0.3	IPNF	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Character	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.5	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 contained
Klette Road	CZ – State - Cataldo	3.5	IDL	IDL	Start 8/10:fire re-ignited 8/13
Slaughter House	SZ – State – West St. Joe	47	IDL	IDL	Start 8/10:Type 3 IC (Verlanick) 75% contained
3 Sisters	NZ-Pend Oreille	228	IDL	IDL	Start 8/4: local unit (Wurzuaf) contained
Parker Ridge	NZ – Bonners Ferry	1200	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/29: TMT3(Weeks) structure/private property protection
Hobo	SZ- St. Joe	45	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/23: contained/monitored/unstaffed/ 8/9 air patrol saw no visible smokes
Elevator	SZ-St. Joe	25	IPNF	IPNF	Start 7/22; contained/monitored/unstaffed/ 8/9 air patrol saw no visible smokes
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 /mopup patrol/ cause under investigation

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

IPNF: Idaho Panhandle National Forests

IPNF NZ: Idaho Panhandle National Forests North Zone (U.S. Forest Service)

IPNF CZ: Idaho Panhandle National Forests Central Zone (U.S. Forest Service)

IPNF SZ: Idaho Panhandle National Forests South Zone (U.S. Forest Service)

IDL: Idaho Department of Lands (State)

ICT: Incident Command Team

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.**