



## Northern Idaho Wildfire Update August 15, 2015



**Contact:** Interagency Fire Information Line (208) 765-7383

**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:** Areas of smoke today, with scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Cloudy through mid-morning, then gradual clearing, with high in the mid to upper 70s, Southwest wind 10 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Southwest wind 5 to 11 mph becoming southeast after midnight, Sunday Sunny, with a high near 78. Southeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming west in Sunday afternoon.

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

- **Parker Ridge Fire** 2000 acres, zero% contained. 7/29 start. NW of Bonners Ferry, Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) (Weeks). Evacuations in effect on the westside road area.
- **Marble Creek Fire** 620 acres, zero % contained. 8/11 start. St. Joe RD Type 3 IMT (Almas )
- **North Grizzly Fire** 335 acres, 8/12 start, Type 3 IMT (Day) fire making significant runs to the E/NE
- **Not Creative Fire** 80 acres 10% contained, 8/13 start, ICT 3, crews working to line fire on the NE and W flanks digging handline and dozer work, holding the fire on ridge above Rose Lake. Residents encouraged to register with Kootenai County Sheriff for emergency notification <http://kcsheriff.com> Idaho Dept. of Lands- 4 miles north of Rose Lake
- **Scotchman's Peak Fire** 650 acres, Sandpoint, IPNF, closure of trail systems
- **Tower Fire** 2000 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.
- **Big Lost Fire** 1280 acres, State – Ponderosa Fire District, east of Potlatch near Hwy 6.

**Additional Information:**

- **New Closures:** Bonners Ferry Ranger District due to the **Parker Ridge Fire: Parker Creek Trail #14, Long Canyon Trail #16 and Parker Ridge Trail #221**. Previously closed trails remain closed. They include 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.
- **New Closures:** Sandpoint Ranger District due to **Scotchman Peak Fire:** Trails on and around Scotchman Peak are closed
- **Closures** Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District due to 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:** 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).

<b>Incident Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Size Acre</b>	<b>Protection Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
Stub Toe	SZ – St. Joe	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/14:
Pole Creek	SZ – St. Joe	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/14:
Game	SZ – St. Joe	2 acres	IPNF	Start 8/14:
Basin Creek	SZ – St. Joe	5 acres	IPNF	Start 8/14:
Gozzer	CZ – State-Mica	2 acres	IDL	Start 8/14: Contained
Getaway	SZ – St. Joe	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/14:
Solitaire Creek	CZ- Coeur d’Alene River	1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/14:blocked trail 1525
Upper Priest	NZ – Priest Lake	70 acres	IPNF	Start 8/14:active fire behavior – area closures
Whitetail Peak	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	100 acres	IPNF	Start 8/14: blocked trail 20 at Jordan Camp
Cougar Creek	CZ-Coeur d’Alene River			Start 8/13:
McQuade Gulch	NZ- State – Pend Oreille			Start 8/13:
Tamarack Ridge	CZ-State-Cataldo	0.25 acre	IDL	Start 8/13:just off I-90 W side Tamarack Ridge, ICT5
Scotchman Peak	NZ-Sandpoint	650 acres		Start 8/13: closure of trail systems
Not Creative	CZ-State-Cataldo	80 acres		Start 8/13: ICT 3 (Verlanic) Active w/isolated torching, mostly ground fire
Benewah Creek	SZ-State-West St. Joe	34 acre	IDL	Start 8/13:ICT 4, (Schiermeister) 50% contained
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	SZ – St. Joe	0.8 acre	IPNF	Start 8/13: contained
Big Lost	SZ-State-Ponderosa	1280acres	IDL	Start 8/13:
Kyle	SZ-St. Joe	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/13:contained
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 Scheuneman lined

Chicadee	SZ- St. Joe	1.5 acres	IPNF	Start 8/13:
East Suburban	CZ-Coeur d'Alene River	0.3 acres	IPNF	Start 8/13:contained
Black Mountain		0.2 acres	IPNF	Start 8/13:ICT5
Bennett Peak	USFS CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	3 acres	IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT 5 saw line around most
Caribou Creek	SZ – St. Joe		IPNF	Start 8/12:patrol proposed wilderness
Halm Creek	SZ – St. Joe		IPNF	Start 8/12:patrol
North Grizzly	CZ – Coeru d'Alene River	335 acres	IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT3 (Day), fire runs to the E/NE
Downey	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	0.5 acre	IPNF	Start 8/12:ICT5 (Babin) contained
Lower Flat	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	6 acres	IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT4, Active fire moving east
Lightning Ridge	SZ – St. Joe	7 acres	IPNF	Start 8/12: Lightning Ridge
Hoyt	SZ – St. Joe	1.4 acres	IPNF	Start 8/12: (Patton) intense mop up needed
Trail 55	SZ - St. Joe	0.3 acre	IPNF	Start 8/12: ICT5 scratch line in
Lower Stoney	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	0.8 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11 ICT5 (Cotter), contained
Upper Stoney	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	1.3 acres	IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Jerome) contained
Snow Peak Trail	SZ - St. Joe	.	IPNF	Start 8/11:seen 8/12, patrol
Rutledge Creek	SZ – St. Joe	.	IPNF	Start 8/11: seen 8/12, patrol
Granite Pony	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
Ruby Point	SZ – St. Joe	25 acres	IPNF	Start 8/11:
North Suburban	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	4 acres	IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT 5 (Fuller) contained
South Suburban	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	.3 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Falls Ridge		0.9 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
Pocono	SZ-St. Joe	0.3 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Flat Creek 2	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	.25 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: minimal fire activity
Marble Creek	SZ - St. Joe	620 acres	IPNF	Start 8/11: ICT3 (Almas) aircraft 4CH; Greyback, zero% contained
Boulder Creek		0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Pond Peak	CZ – Coeur d'Alene River	1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Berge Creek	SZ – St. Joe	0.2 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11:contained
Gold Creek	SZ – St. Joe	0.1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11:ICT5 (Berdman)

Shady Creek	SZ – St. Joe	.	IPNF	Start 8/11:
Bobtail	CZ-Coeur d’Alene River	0.3 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Character	CZ – Coeur d’Alene River	0.5 acre	IPNF	Start 8/11: contained
Fuzzy	SZ – St. Joe	1 acre	IPNF	Start 8/10:ICT5 contained
Klette Road	CZ – State - Cataldo	3.5 acres	IDL	Start 8/10:fire re-ignited 8/13
Slaughter House	SZ – State – West St. Joe	47 acres	IDL	Start 8/10: ICT4 lined IC 3 (Verlancik)
3 Sisters	NZ-Pend Oreille	228 acres	IDL	Start 8/4: contained
Parker Ridge	NZ – Bonners Ferry	2000 acres	IPNF	Start 7/29: TMT3(Weeks) structure protection, evacuations in effect
Hobo	SZ- St. Joe	45 acres	IPNF	Start 7/23: contained/ monitored 8/9 air patrol saw no visible smokes
Elevator	SZ-St. Joe	25 acres	IPNF	Start 7/22; contained/ monitored/ 8/9 air patrol saw no visible smokes
Abandon	NZ – Priest Lake- State	30 acres	IDL	Start 7/20: contained/ mopup, patrol
Cape Horn	NZ-Pend Oreille	1326 acres	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 Type

**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.**