



## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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# Fire Update

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## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Fire Update

Kamiah, Idaho (August 26, 2016) – Minimal fire activity was observed during the week on all fires located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and on the North Fork Ranger District being managed for resource benefits. Increased winds are expected in the area Saturday, August 27, and there is a potential for an increase in fire activity. Visitors are encouraged to contact the local districts for current fire information.

During active burn periods, smoke is visible in many locations. Fire managers are working with air quality specialists to monitor smoke and potential impacts to communities. Smoke will continue to be seen intermittently as fire activity increases, weather systems pass through, and changes in temperature occur.

Current fire status of fires that are being managed for resource benefits greater than 5 acres:

### Lochsa/Powell Ranger District –

**Cedar** – July 17, 2016, lightning-caused fire, burning in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness is 3,682 acres. Following Sunday and Monday's wind event, fire activity has once again become minimal. Limited fire activity has been reported during recent flights to monitor the fire. Fire activity continues to be observed on exposed southwest slopes in the Cedar Creek drainage and ridgetops within Lodgepole Pine stands.

The fire is close to the intersection of FS road 358 and 360. FS road 358 remains closed for public health and safety due to wildfire. Other closures include Forest Service trail #30 (in its entirety), trail #45 (from the trailhead at the junction of road #358 to the junction of trail #30) and Forest Service trail #6, Cedar Ridge.

Fire and closure information will be posted on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4874/>, the Lolo Pass Visitor Center, Savage Pass, Elk Summit, the junction of the Forest Service road 358 and Forest Service road 360 and on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests website. For more information, please call (208) 942-3113.

**Lookout Creek** – The fire was reported on August 12, and is located 5.5 miles southwest of Cayuse landing strip. The fire is located in steep rocky terrain, estimated to be 25 acres, and is burning in Douglas-fir, grass and sedge with low brush. Fire activity and smoke observed during recent burn periods has been minimal. The fire is somewhat sheltered by rocky ridge lines and bordered by a drainage to the south with a high moisture content.

### Moose Creek Ranger District –

**Moose fire** – The August 15, Lightning-caused fire is located 13 miles northeast of the Moose Creek Ranger Station and 8 air miles west of the Idaho-Montana border. The fire is approximately 4,346 acres with old burns and rocky patches to the east and fire activity is expected to diminish as the fire reaches those areas.

**Elk Ridge fire** – The Elk Ridge fire is approximately 768 acres and is located 15 miles east of the Moose Creek Ranger Station. The fire is burning in Timber (Grass and Understory) with minimal fire activity.

**Freeman** – The August 10, lightning Caused fire is 97 acres and is located 9 miles east of Moose Creek Ranger Station. Smoldering on the south perimeter of the fire has been observed, but overall fire activity is minimal.

**Sixtytwo fire** – The Sixtytwo fire was detected on August 14, and is a lightning-caused fire. The fire is 21 acres, is located 6.5 miles northwest of Moose Creek Ranger Station with multiple old burns in the near vicinity. Fire behavior is minimal with creeping and smoldering.

Fires on the Moose Creek Ranger District are remote with no threats to life or property and no potential values at risk are identified. Fires will continue to be managed for resource benefits and monitored daily.

For more information on the Moose, Elk Ridge, Freeman, and Sixtytwo fires or other general fire information on the Moose Creek Ranger District, please call (208) 926-4258.

**North Fork Ranger District –**

**Goat fire** – The Goat fire is lightning-caused and is approximately 20 acres. It is located 32 miles north of Pierce. The fire is remote, burning in high elevation timber below Isabella Point. No notable growth occurred this week.

**Bedrock fire** – The Bedrock fire is burning 6 air miles southeast of the Cayuse Airstrip near Hanson Meadows in the Kelly Creek drainage. The lightning-caused fire is burning in timber and brush and is estimated to be 21 acres.

The Goat and Bedrock fires are not threatening life or property. The fires will continue to be managed for resource benefits and monitored daily.

For more information on the Goat and Bedrock fires or other general fire information on the North Fork Ranger District, please call (208) 476-4541.

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