



Beaver Creek Fire Update Sawtooth National Forest August 22, 2013 AM



Fire Information Numbers Zone 2 (Hailey-Ketchum): **877-647-0663, 877-640-3904, 877-711-1333** |
Information for Zone 1 (Fairfield) **877-608-0120; Beavercreekcomplex@gmail.com**

Fire Containment increases to 47%

Firefighter support in the form of bandana donations has been overwhelming. What began as a plea from a battle-worn firefighter to Sheriff Ramsey has now resulted in enough bandanas for every firefighter. Thank you all for your gracious generosity.

The Beaver Creek fire is now estimated at 110, 209 acres with containment at 47 percent. The number of personnel assigned to the fire is 1,721.

On the north end of the fire, crews held the line and put out spots along the Baker Lake Road. Aerial ignition continued to bring the fire downslope to the East Fork of Baker Creek. Hotshot crews continued line construction from the 2007 Castle Rock fire back toward the East Fork of Baker Creek to connect that portion of the fireline. In the Big Wood River corridor north of Greenhorn, hotshot crews are working on interior hot spots in the Cold Springs area. One hotshot crew spent last evening on site to get an earlier start this morning. When this operation is complete, resources will be shifted north to the Baker Creek area. Mandatory evacuations on the east side of the highway in Cold Spring, Gimlet and the Meadows were downgraded to pre-evacuation status.

In the Croy Canyon area, hotshot crews are working from the west and east to secure the southern perimeter and prevent the fire from any southern movement. Utilizing handline construction and burning good progress is being made to secure this area. Mandatory evacuations are in effect in this area for public and firefighter safety.

In Zone 1 of the fire, thunderstorms are likely in the early to late afternoon with the potential for significant amounts of moisture. Excessive rain may cause debris flows while gusty winds pose a safety risk for firefighters working near standing burned trees and along steep ridges. Several Zone 1 firefighting crews are being released for required days off or reassignment to other fires. Remaining firefighters will continue to construct containment lines along the western flank.

A fireline rehabilitation work group has been formed to start rehabilitating firelines that are no longer needed for the fire. Work will begin once the equipment arrives. Yesterday, Idaho Senator Jim Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and the Idaho State BLM director Tim Murphy visited the fire and Incident Command Post.

The weather forecast for today includes a 30% chance for showers and thunderstorms as clouds push in from Nevada. A 30% chance also exists for wetting rain over the fire area today. A red flag warning has been issued through midnight tonight for the possibility of thunderstorms producing gusty erratic winds.

Idaho big game hunting seasons are fast approaching with the first controlled hunt for Antelope beginning on August 30th. Hunters are reminded that area closures are in effect for the Forest Service and BLM managed lands in and around the fire area. Updated hunting information can be found at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

More fire details are available at inciweb.org/incident/3635/. Current evacuation information can also be found at blainesherriff.com. Residents can register for the Everbridge emergency alert system at BlaineCounty.org by clicking on the Emergency Alert Program tab on the left hand side of the page.

Fire information lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 877-647-0663, 877-711-1333 and 877-640-3904.

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