



Daily Fire Update



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Bear Lake Fire – August 29, 2015

Current Status: The fire has become extremely active in the afternoons with ridgetop crown runs observed with spotting up to ½ mile and single and group tree torching. Due to projected weather conditions, significant fire growth is anticipated. Expect smoke conditions to worsen in areas surrounding the fire. The fire is located on the Wise River District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Planned Events: Crews working on the Bear Lake Fire will continue to protect threatened structures, as well as access structure protection needs along the Scenic Byway. Contingent on fire spread, crews are preparing for additional strategic firing operations.

Fire Weather: A **RED FLAG WARNING** is forecasted for 2:00 pm until 12:00 midnight today. Red Flag Warning is a term used to identify conditions that may result in extreme burning conditions. Some factors considered are: a sustained wind average 15 mph or greater, relative humidity less than or equal to 25 percent and a temperature of greater than 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Air Quality: Currently, air quality is considered 'unhealthy'. When air quality is unhealthy, it is recommended that people minimize how much time you spend on strenuous outdoor activity.

Start Date August 20, 2015
Cause.....Lightning
Acres 4533
Percent Contained 5%
Total Firefighters 227
Engines13
Helicopter2

Closures & Restrictions: An area closure is in effect. The purpose of this order is to ensure public health and safety from wildfire and during fire suppression activities associated with the Bear Lake Fire. This order rescinds Order No. 2015-D1-D2-D3-014 issued on August 22, 2015. This order will remain in effect from August 27, 2015 until October 31, 2015 unless rescinded earlier upon completion of fire suppression activities. **All developed Campgrounds and Day Use Sites along the Pioneer Scenic Byway, North of Crystal Park are CLOSED. Grasshopper, Elkhorn Resort, Price Creek, and Crystal Park are open.** All roads and trails (excluding the Scenic Byway) used as boundaries for the area closure are closed as well as any trails leading into the closure area. **The Pioneer Scenic Byway is open.**

The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) can be found at http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_7123.html.

For more information about this fire, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4560/#> or email bearlakefireinfo@gmail.com.