



Four Corners Fire Update

Saturday, August 20, 2022 Contact Fire Information: 208.207.7417 Or <u>2022.FourCorners@firenet.gov</u> InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8331/</u> Facebook: <u>@PayetteNationalForest</u> Twitter: <u>@PayetteForest</u>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
8/13/22	Lightning	7,603 acres	0%	6	24	10	4	419

Additional crews, engines, and aerial resources arrived yesterday to assist in firefighting efforts. This morning, fire behavior is expected to remain moderated due to cooler, wetter weather. Crews will take advantage of the weather and continue constructing containment lines. Aerial resources continue to assist crews on the ground. In areas where crews cannot safely work directly along the fire perimeter, they are looking at natural barriers to contain fire spread. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop again this afternoon and may bring brief heavy downpours over the fire area with gusty outflow winds.

More accurate mapping of the fire area is reflected by the increase in fire acreage. The majority of fire growth occurred two days ago. The fire has burned very rapidly through subalpine fir but slows when it reaches draws with green vegetation and more moisture resulting in a mosaic burn pattern. The mature ponderosa pine stands are also not burning completely, although the fire is burning through brush and understory in those stands. Some areas within the depicted fire perimeter remain unburned. The fire continues to slowly progress and smolder in woody dead and down fuels with isolated groups of trees torching and burning.

Lake Cascade is open; however, boaters should be cautious on the water and aware that the aircraft may use any area of the lake as needed to draw water. Additionally, use caution when along Lakeshore Drive due to the increase in traffic. Travel slowly and with lights on for safety.

Virtual Information Meeting: On Sunday, August 21 at 7 PM, a Facebook live virtual meeting will be held to share an overview of the fire situation. The meeting can be accessed on the Payette National Forest Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/payettenationalforest</u>.

Evacuation Information: Residences in God's Acres and French Creek are under evacuation status (Go). The Campbell Creek area is under pre-evacuation notice (Set). Others in the vicinity are encouraged to consider evacuation preparations (Ready). Please visit <u>https://www.wildlandfirersg.org/</u> for information on packing and preparing for evacuations. Kelly's Whitewater Park is open to evacuees. For more information on evacuations and local support, call the Valley County Sheriff's Office at 208.382.5160.

Closure Information: For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Payette and Boise National Forests enacted an area closure order today. The complete closure order – including a full description of the trails, roads, and areas closed and an accompanying map – is available at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/8331/.