

Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Four Corners Fire Update

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Contact Fire Information: 208.207.7417 Or 2022.FourCorners@firenet.gov InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8331/ Facebook: @PayetteNationalForest Twitter: @PayetteForest

Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
8/13/22	Lightning	7,822 acres	0%	6	35	13	4	506

Today, Sunday, August 21 at 7 PM, a Facebook live virtual meeting will be held to share an overview of the fire situation and expected actions. The meeting can be accessed on the Payette National Forest Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/payettenationalforest.

Yesterday, favorable weather gave firefighters the advantage, leading to minimal fire growth. Most of yesterday's fire growth occurred late in the day when passing thunderstorm winds pushed the fire south through Greenfield Flat. More growth in this area is expected as the fire burns through dry subalpine firs and moth-killed trees. Helicopter repelling firefighters and ground fire crews are working in that area to limit fire spread and protect property and infrastructure to the south of the fire.

Today, warmer and drier conditions are expected to continue. The fire has been slowly backing down slope near French Creek, allowing firefighters the opportunity to dig handline, reduce vegetation, and create dozer line adjacent to private property for additional structure protection in anticipation of the fire continuing to the east. There has been no reported loss of structures.

On the north end of the fire, the dozer line is holding well, and minimal fire growth occurred to the west. Firefighters will continue efforts to construct and secure fireline where it is safe to do so. This may include existing natural and manmade features – such as meadows, rocky areas, and roads – as well as fireline constructed by crews and equipment.

This morning, heavy smoke will linger throughout Valley County. For information on local area smoke levels health impacts, visit <u>https://fire.airnow.gov/</u>. Aerial resources will assist crews on the ground, although a heavy smoke inversion may impact their ability to fly this morning. 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.

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 evacues. For more information on evacuations and local support, call the Valley County Sheriff's Office at 208.382.5160.

Closure Information: The Payette and Boise National Forests have extended the closure area to account for the recent fire growth. The complete closure order – including a full description of the trails, roads, and areas closed and an accompanying map – is available at <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/8331/</u>.