



Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Four Corners Fire Update

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

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| Start Date | Cause | Size | Percent Containment | Helicopters | Engines | Crews | Dozers | Total Personnel |
|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| 8/13/22 | Lightning | 8,208 acres | 11% | 7 | 35 | 17 | 5 | 649 |

Prepared for high winds emerging from two colliding cold fronts, firefighters on the Four Corners Fire made the most of the situation yesterday when the storms to the north and the east skirted the fire area. Fire crews completed defensive preparations around God’s Acres and made significant progress in the French Creek residential area. Mastication equipment is removing roadside brush to improve access into and out of Campbell Creek residences, and firefighters are reducing vegetation and setting up hoses along fireline near private property. Heavy smoke over the fire area kept water scooping planes from being used on the fire yesterday morning, but helicopters were able to assist crews on the ground by dropping water on hot spots. The scooper planes were later used on other area fires to assist ground crews in keeping those fires from growing.

Today’s weather is expected to be stable. Calmer conditions may be conducive to using the tactic of burning out to achieve more fire containment. Burning out involves the construction of fireline a distance from the main fire and intentionally burning grass and brush along the line. This allows firefighters a higher degree of success in containing fireline in challenging locations, including along steep slopes and in heavy vegetation. Firefighters carefully consider both weather and fire conditions to make decisions on when burning out along a containment line can happen to ensure they can successfully achieve their intent of using the tactic. Any burn out today will occur on the western side of the fire perimeter, continuing from the existing containment line.

Fire personnel will continue to secure the perimeter on the north and west sides of the fire. Along the southern perimeter, crews will work to establish direct and indirect line using trails and natural barriers, like rock outcroppings and streams. Interior pockets of unburned vegetation remain throughout the fire area.

Regarding smoke levels, forecasts, and possible health impacts, air quality specialists are posting local information at <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/>. Boaters on Lake Cascade should be cautious on the water and aware that water scooping planes and helicopters may use any area of the lake as needed to draw water. Please use caution when along Lakeshore Drive due to the fire 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 <https://www.wildlandfirersg.org/> 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: The Payette and Boise National Forests have enacted a closure area to protect the public and firefighters. 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/>.

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