



Sawtooth National Forest

Ross Fork Fire Daily Update

September 6, 2022

Fire Information: Call 209-329-6044

4% Contained	Lightning	24,026 Acres	6 miles East of Atlanta, ID	Timber Litter, Timber, and Short Grass
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The Ross Fork Fire is currently transitioning from a Type 3 Incident Command Team (under the direction of IC Scott Stephenson) to a Type 2 Incident Command Team. Great Basin Team 3, under the direction of Incident Commander Marty Adell, transfer of command will take place 09/07/22 at 0600.

The fire is 24,026 acres and is 4% contained. Fire activity continued to be extreme with continued hot and dry winds. The fire continued down the Beaver Creek drainage towards Alturas Lake in a North East direction. The fire also progressed down the Smiley Creek drainage and is threatening the community of Smiley. There is also a spread to the East throughout the Frenchman Creek drainage, currently threatening the Salmon River headwaters.

Today crews will be working to keep the fire from crossing HWY 75, evaluating options to control the Salmon River drainage spread, and continue with structure defense in the community of Smiley. Crews are also evaluating tactical options for the fire above Alturas Lake as it progresses to the North towards the HWY 75 and further areas.

Residents and visiting public should keep informed of fire progress in Smiley Creek, Alturas Lake, and adjacent areas. Use [#RossForkFire](#) on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest> and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SawtoothNatlFS>

Find air quality conditions at: <https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Ketchum&state=ID&country=USA>

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS: Access to the following lakes and drainages are CLOSED as of 08:00 this morning: Pettit Lake and Trailhead, Yellowbelly Lake, Pole Creek, Upper Salmon River Headwaters, Frenchman Creek, and Alturas Lake. A closure order was issued by the Sawtooth National Forest for the areas surrounding the [#RossForkFire](#) on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area ([0414-05-058](#)) AND Fairfield Ranger District ([0414-05-057](#)) to protect public safety and natural resources on roads and trails.

The public is urged to please stay out of the fire area.

You can read both closures in their entirety at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sawtooth/alerts-notice>

MAPS: Please visit the Ross Fork Fire's Inciweb page at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/maps/8375>