



**Suiattle River Fire Update – Friday, September 9, 2022**  
**Incident Management Team 3**  
**Idaho Team 1**



**Discovered:** 08/30 (Suiattle River);  
08/24 (Boulder); 08/25 (Toketie)  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Confinement Strategy**

**Suiattle River Fire:** 66 acres  
**Boulder Lake Fire:** 654 acres  
**Lake Toketie Fire:** 464 acres  
**Total Personnel:** 81

**Resources on the Fire**  
5 Engines  
2 Crews  
1 Helicopter

**Weather:** A change in weather is predicted today to warmer, dryer, and windier conditions. A Red Flag Warning is in effect Friday through Sunday evening for wind and low relative humidity. This will have the potential to increase fire activity. The Incident Management Team and firefighters in the field are continuously monitoring the weather and changes in fire behavior.

**Overview:** A tracked excavator with a masticating head arrived and will begin brush work along Suiattle River Road. Firefighters are continuing their efforts on fuels reduction and snagging along confinement lines including the Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26).

Firefighters have assessed risk to structures and important historic and cultural resources near the Suiattle River Fire and are reducing fuels and implementing appropriate and approved protection measures. Fire personnel are executing a plan to improve roads that favor confinement strategies to the northwest of the Suiattle River Road.

A K-Max helicopter is conducting bucket drops on dynamic fire areas to cool fire intensity.

**Evacuations:** The Level 1 “Be Ready” Evacuation Notice remains in place for the Lower Suiattle Valley, north of the Suiattle River.

**Closures:** A new Forest Closure Order is expected today. Buck Creek Campground and multiple trails in the area remain closed: Boulder Lake; Huckleberry Mountain; Buck Creek, Green Mountain; Downey Creek; Suiattle; Sulphur Creek; Sulphur Mountain.

**Smoke:** Smoke from fires in the Cascade Mountains is expected to impact air quality in Western Washington on Friday and throughout the weekend. More information at: [wasmoke.blogspot.com/](http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/)

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