



Beauty Creek Fire

Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District
Fire Information 208-557-8813

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idipf-beauty-creek-fire>

July 24, 2023

Location: Approximately 3 miles up Beauty Creek Rd, off the northeast tip of Coeur d'Alene Lake

Start Date: 7/21/2023 **Cause:** Under Investigation **Size:** 13 acres **Containment:** 0%

Total Personnel: 53 **Engines:** 3 **Hand Crews:** 1

The Beauty Creek Fire was reported by the public on the evening of 7/21/23. It is approximately 13 acres and burning in heavy timber. By the end of the 2nd shift yesterday, interagency firefighters had completed handline around 100% of the fire. The fireline has been completely plumbed, meaning that hose has been laid the length of the perimeter, allowing firefighters quick access to water. This achievement will assist in eliminating hotspots and holding the fireline.

Active backing and flanking fire behavior may skirt the lines, so additional holding is needed before any containment can be achieved. Last night, one spot fire was detected that crews are suppressing today. If needed, aviation assets will be requested to support suppression efforts on the ground.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by Federal Law Enforcement.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A red flag warning is in effect until 11 pm due to a cold front bringing gusty winds and low relative humidity this afternoon and evening. Today's high temperature will be 89 degrees, with a minimum humidity of 13 percent. Winds will start out of the southwest 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 with gusts to 30 mph, increasing to 45 mph in the afternoon.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Although official closures are not yet in place, road guards are working on Forest Service Road 453. Temporary emergency closures may be needed as there is active fire along the roadway. Please avoid this area to protect the safety and welfare of the public and provide for safe firefighting efforts and access.

Continued aviation support may be needed, so boaters of all kinds are cautioned to avoid the Beauty Bay area. Failure to clear out when fire aircraft are working can cause delays that waste valuable time and put boots on the ground at additional risk.

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