



Consalus Fire

Priest River Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests

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<https://tinyurl.com/consalusfire>

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Location: 10 miles west of Coolin, ID, in Pend Oreille County, WA

Start Date: 6/30/2023 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 186 acres **Containment:** 8% **Total Personnel:** 140

Equipment: Heavy Equipment Task Force, Dozer, Excavator, Water Tender, Feller Buncher, Masticator

Hand Crews: 3 + a district module **Engines:** 2 **Other:** Faller Module, Water Tender, Ambulance

Fire managers have ordered additional resources, including the Grangeville Interagency Type 2 IA and the Flathead Interagency Hotshot crews. These crews will bolster efforts already being made by the heavy equipment, engines, and hand crews currently working on the fire.

The Type 1 helicopter was grounded on Monday due to storms moving through the fire area, and the scooper planes were unused. However, air resources will continue to assist crews on the ground with water drops to cool the fire's edge as needed and as conditions allow.

Yesterday crews continued to mop-up (cool the fire's edge with water and hand tools), along the southwest perimeter. Some heavy equipment will shift to the south side of the fire to construct fire line. The faller module of highly trained sawyers worked the fire's north side, clearing snags that allowed crews to get into that area and secure the northeast side. Heavy equipment will construct line to tie in with the hand crews' work. Fire managers are scouting for opportunities to build lines closer to the fire's edge and where they can fight the fire directly.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today's weather will be partly cloudy, with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and rain showers throughout the day. Maximum temperatures will be 77-79 degrees with minimum humidity of 37-40 percent. The 100-hour fuels are the primary carrier of fire growth; and when the fire is in the duff and litter, the fire activity is reduced to flanking, creeping and backing.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire area. For the safety of aerial resources and firefighters on the ground, please do not fly unmanned aircraft (drones) in the fire vicinity. **If you fly, we can't.**

While the following roads are not yet closed, please avoid them for firefighter and public safety. FSR #1108 from the junction with FSR #333 to the junction with FSR #659. The entirety of FSR #1094 (from FSR #312 to the junction with FSR #1108). FSR #312 from junction with FSR #333 to the junction with FSR #659. FSR #659 in its entirety. FSR #333 from Highway 57 to the junction with FSR #1108. Anyone accessing the Crystal Mine off FSR #659, please pull off the road, as heavy equipment and firefighting personnel must be able to get through. Please refer to the incident map for a visual explanation.