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Forest Service Fighting East Fire near Cascade

CASCADE, Idaho – The Boise National Forest is aggressively fighting the East Fire, located about ten miles east of Cascade near the junctions of Forest Roads 409 and 405. The fire was first spotted burning in heavy timber late yesterday afternoon and is estimated this morning at 1,690 acres.

Shortly after the fire's discovery, there were seven single engine air tankers and four large air tankers dropping retardant continuously until it was too late to fly. There is currently one Hotshot crew, and a second 20-person handcrew assigned to the fire, with another two Hotshot crews expected to arrive today. Two Type 1 helicopters, which have the greatest water carrying capacity, are also assigned to the fire. A strike team of five fire engines and two water scooper airplanes have also been ordered.

The fire burned actively through the night and is currently spreading in a southerly direction towards East Mountain and westerly towards Forest Service 409 Road. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

An area closure will be issued later today and will be posted to the InciWeb website, along with all other fire updates, at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idbof-east>.

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