



## Boise National Forest

# Fire Information

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### East Fire Update – August 18, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

- 2750 acres
- 0 percent contained
- Location: 10 miles East of Cascade, Idaho
- Cause: Under Investigation
- Personnel: 117
- Currently no evacuation orders

Yesterday air resources actively worked to contain the East Fire that is located about ten miles east of Cascade by utilizing retardant and water to help firefighters on the ground. Several retardant planes, scooper planes, and helicopters utilized ridge lines and trails to create an anchor point at the East Mountain Repeater site. Hand crews dug direct fire line next to where retardant planes laid layers of retardant. As the day went on, line construction personnel increased as crews came in from across the country to aid in suppressing the fire. This fire is being fought with a full suppression strategy.

The fire is burning in heavy, thick timber that has a lot of dead standing and downed trees. Some of those trees are sub alpine fir that throw embers out and create spot fires ahead of the main fire. Values threatened include the East Mountain repeater site, timber sales, trail systems, and private timber lands.

Additional hand crews and engines are in route to help fight the fire. A Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team, which will provide increased operational and logistical capabilities, will be briefed this evening and work with current firefighting resources to become familiar with the fire area. They will take command of the fire tomorrow, Aug 19.

To ensure firefighter safety, please limit unnecessary traffic near the fire area and especially the Clear Creek Road, Forest Road 409.

**Weather:** Isolated showers with thunderstorms are possible today. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds with gusts as high as 24mph. Highs will be near 82 with South Winds 3-7 mph.

**Closure Area:** expected to be issued later today.

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