

Great Basin Incident Management Team #4



Hayden Fire Update

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Complete	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Water Tender	Total Personnel
July 19	undetermined	24,429 acres	84%	3	10	5	7	347

As the weather on the Hayden Fire transitioned from cool and rainy to more average temperatures and wind gusts of 25-30 mph Thursday, firefighters watched for signs of smoke or flare-ups throughout the fire's footprint. Fire behavior Analyst Dan O'Connor said the winds presented an opportunity to test the integrity of containment lines. By shift's end, O'Connor's travels around the fire left him encouraged with the progress that has been made to date.

Crews on the ground continue to address pockets of heat and repair impacts from suppression activities. Nearly 20 miles of dozer line and 8 ½ miles of hand line were constructed to contain the fire. And while bare earth is desirable for stopping a fire's progress, these lines can be scars on the landscape in the years following a fire event. On the Hayden Fire, these scars are being minimized as heavy equipment and hand crews work together to de-compact and bring soil and other organic matter over the fire breaks.

Great Basin Team 4 Incident Commander Brad Sawyer commented, "We are getting where we need to be with this fire."

Some resources, including helicopters, are being released to respond to other blazes in the region. Work on the Hayden Fire is 84% complete and is staffed with 347 firefighting and ground support personnel.

Clear skies enabled infrared imagery to be captured last night for the first time in more than a week. The acreage has been adjusted slightly downward as a result of this more accurate mapping.

Evacuations: The Lemhi County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the local agencies and Incident Management Team, has identified evacuation zones. Please visit the Lemhi County at www.lemhicountyidaho.org for a map and explanation of the zones.

Smoke: A smoke outlook specific to the Hayden Fire can be found at www.bit.ly/haydensmoke.

Closures: For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Salmon-Challis National Forest has enacted an area closure around the Hayden Fire. A map and description of the closure area can be found at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idscf-hayden-fire>.

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Idaho Department of Lands, and Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction. For more information, please visit the Salmon-Challis National Forest's Alerts and Notices, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notice>.



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