



Buckskin 2 Fire

Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District
Fire Information: 208-557-8813

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idipf-buckskin-2-fire>

Type 3 Incident Commander, Brian Hicks

August 19, 2023

Location: Located approximately 8 miles due south of Clark Fork, ID on the upper end of Twin Creek and Buckskin Saddle, south of Highway 200

Start Date: 8/4/2023

Cause: Undetermined

Size: 242 acres

Containment: 55%

Total Personnel: 171

Engines: 8

Hand Crews: 4

Modules: 2

Heavy Equipment: 3 Dozers, 2 Skidgens, 1 Water Tender

Thanks to all the hardworking firefighters and despite the week of challenging weather, fire managers have been able to increase containment to 55%. There has been no growth on the fire in several days. Fire behavior within the interior has become minimal, with some backing, flanking, and occasional tree torching. As the winds continue to test the fire lines through the weekend, firefighters will remain focused on gridding and monitoring for any possible new spot fires over the line. Crews and heavy equipment are increasing the depth while extinguishing any hotspots near the existing firelines. Engine crews have completed the structure protection assessments in the Twin Creek and Rearden Road areas. The fire remains 1.8 miles from the nearest structure.

Until a season-ending event occurs, smoke may be visible from pockets of unburned fuels within the perimeter of the fire. The smoke that has settled into the area is from existing and new large fires in Washington and British Columbia. See <https://fire.airnow.gov/> for more detailed smoke information.

The locations where these fire updates were being posted, in and near Fork Clark, will no longer be updated daily. In lieu of the update, a poster with QR codes has been placed. The QR codes are direct links to the updates on INCIWEB, Facebook, and the Smoke Forecast. The published email and phone number will still be monitored.

EVACUATION STATUS

The Bonner County Sheriff's Office issued a READY notification for the Twin Creek Rd and Rearden Rd residents in Clark Fork. To receive local status updates, sign up for [Bonner County Sheriff's Office](#) emergency messaging through NIXLE at www.nixle.com.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Forest Closure Order is in effect for roads associated with the Buckskin Fire; the intersection of Forest Service Roads 203 and 332, the intersection of FSR 1021 and 332, and 1533 and 306 in Clark Fork. UTV trail 77 is closed as well. An extension of the FSR 203 closure, extending to the edge of private land, took effect on 8/15 at 0700. **The public is prohibited from the general area for firefighter safety and asked to practice caution while driving near firefighters and apparatuses.**

Stage II Fire Restrictions are in effect. To view the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan and a statewide map with current information regarding fire restrictions, please visit <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder>.

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place for the safety of our aerial resources and firefighters on the ground. This includes drones; please do not fly drones in the fire vicinity. **If you fly, we can't.**

WEATHER

Sunny, with a high near 89. Windy, with a west wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph.

Dry Cold Front with Stronger Winds This Evening Winds will generally be light and terrain driven.

RH Recoveries will be poor at the fire. Shower and thunderstorm chances increase Sunday afternoon and stay elevated through Tuesday.