



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 25, 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: 85%

Total Personnel: 68

Engines: 1

Hand Crews: 2

Modules: 2

Heavy Equipment: 1 Water Tender

There continues to be no growth on the fire in several days, and the fire behavior is just a smoldering interior allowing crews and equipment to improve the direct line along the west flank of the fire. Given the fire's low activity and lack of growth, the fire team will be given back to district authority and moved to an IC4 beginning Saturday August 26, 2023.

The fire is still 1.8 miles from the nearest structure, and the Forest Closure remains in place for fire firefighters and public safety around active operations.

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 published email and phone number will still be monitored. If you are having any issues connecting to these sites, or simply have questions about the status of the fire, please call the fire information line at 208-557-8813. The line is staffed from 7 AM to 7 PM, and all calls will be returned.

EVACUATION STATUS

The Bonner County Sheriff's Office has rescinded the READY notification for the Twin Creek Rd and Rearden Rd residents in Clark Fork as of August 19, 2023, at 4 PM. Citizens should continue to stay alert and prepared, as fire conditions are always subject to quick and unexpected changes. Sign up for Bonner County Sheriff's Office emergency messaging through NIXLE at www.nixle.com to receive local status updates.

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>.

The Temporary Flight Restriction that was in place for the safety of our aerial resources and firefighters on the ground has been officially rescinded as of August 20, 2023. Drone operators are reminded to never fly around active fire operations, as it could create critical interference with firefighting efforts. If you fly, we can't!

WEATHER

Sunny, with a high near 80. West wind around 7 mph.