

# East Fire Update

Sunday, August 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

## Great Basin Incident Management Team 6

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**Information Staffing Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



- 4158 acres
- 0 percent contained
- Location: 10 miles East of Cascade, Idaho
- Cause: Under Investigation
- Personnel: 271
- Currently no evacuation orders

Today the Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team takes command of the East fire after spending the previous day gaining knowledge and working alongside local fire managers and the current incident commander. The plan of utilizing the East Mountain summit as an anchor point has been successful and crews are fully engaged in continuing to improve the handline along the fire's western edge. If the weather cooperates today, firefighters will work on line construction of the western edge toward the East Fork of Clear Creek. The containment is still showing 0 percent contained until more work by hand crews such as falling snags and mopping up along the containment line is complete.

Firefighters are also hard at work thinning and reducing fuels along Forest Road 405 and working to contain the fire's northern edge by utilizing the roads and trails in the area. Work on the southern portion of the fire includes a crew thinning trees and brush on the ridgeline south of the East Mountain summit and utilizing the 099 East Mountain trail as a containment.

Values threatened include the East Mountain communications infrastructure, timber sales, trail systems, and private timber lands.

**Weather:** There is a chance of showers and possibly thunderstorms after noon. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Highs will be near 62 degrees and 5 to 10 mph winds are expected, becoming light and variable in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch are possible.

**Closure Area:** In place for public safety and details including a map can be found on the East Fire InciWeb page.

**Air Quality:** <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>

**Web:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/boise/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BoiseNationalForest>

**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idbof-east>.

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