

East Fire Update

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Great Basin Incident Management Team 6

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



- 3,342 acres
- 6% percent contained
- Location: 10 miles East of Cascade, Idaho
- Cause: Under Investigation
- Personnel: 299
- Currently no evacuation orders

Yesterday widespread rain showers brought additional precipitation to the fire area, with rainfall totaling approximately 0.25" in the past 24 hours. The additional moisture kept fire activity to a minimum. With that, crews did witness creeping and smoldering in the underbrush yesterday. As fuels dry out and temperatures rise, increased fire activity and smoke may be visible. Drift smoke may also be visible from wildfires burning in Washington and Oregon.

After taking a tactical pause on Monday due to safety concerns regarding inclement weather, fire personnel were able to reengage the fire where safe. Crews made good progress removing hazardous trees along forest road 405 to increase safety. Further progress was made securing the southern end of the fire along forest road 417 and around the East Mountain communication site.

Aviation resources were able to fly over the fire on Tuesday and conduct an additional infrared flyover to better map the area. An updated infrared fire perimeter map is expected tomorrow.

Weather: A weak stormfront will pass through the area today, giving way to warmer and dryer conditions later in the week. Relative humidities will continue to be above normal with good overnight recoveries.

Closure Area: Remains in place for public safety and details including a map can be found on the East Fire InciWeb page and the Boise National Forest Facebook 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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