

East Fire Update

Thursday, August 24, 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: Undetermined
- Personnel: 479
- Currently no evacuation orders

Yesterday the fire area saw a break in the rain showers that had remained over the area in recent days. Fire behavior stayed minimal, with areas of creeping and smoldering.

On Wednesday additional hand crews arrived and today they are expected to continue constructing fire line near forest road 417 to secure the fires western flank. Heavy equipment has made good progress removing hazardous trees along forest road 405 on the northern flank of the fire. Hand crews will be utilized on the northern flank of the fire today to start handline construction now that heavy equipment has cleared away hazard trees.

Aerial firefighting resources continue to be assigned to the East fire and are at the ready to provide water dropping missions shall the need arise. The infrared mapping mission that was planned for Wednesday was put on hold due to technical issues but is expected to be completed later today.

Weather: A high pressure system will linger over the area today and tomorrow bringing higher temperatures and lower relative humidity. The drying trend will continue to decrease fuel moisture levels and fire activity has the potential to increase over the coming days. This weekend a weak stormfront is forecasted for the area but is not expected to produce much in terms of precipitation.

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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