



# 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 4 Incident Commander, Ryan Winebark

September 1, 2023

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**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:** 100%

**Total Personnel:** 39      **Engines:** 3      **Hand Crews:** 1      **Modules:** 2

**Heavy Equipment:** 1 Water Tender, 1 Excavator

Work has begun to complete all that is outlined in the suppression repair plan. There is a considerable amount of work to be done to clear and improve roads that were impacted by fire activity. Crews are patrolling and monitoring the edge of the fire throughout the day while continuing to backhaul any unneeded equipment from the field. The Forest Closure Order will remain in effect until further notice for public and firefighter safety as the suppression repair work is expected to continue well into the fall.

Updates will be scaled back in frequency and produced only when there are significant changes to the fire.

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The Bonner County Sheriff's Office has rescinded the READY notification for the Twin Creek Rd and Rearden Rd residents in Clark Fork as of August 19, 2023, at 4 PM.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](http://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 I 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!