



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, Kelly Tucker

September 8, 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: 100%

The Forest Closure Order 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. An extension of the FSR 203 closure, extending to the edge of private land, has officially been RESCINDED as of September 7, 2023. Visitors are reminded to drive and recreate with caution and be aware as hazards can still be present in the area.

Work that was outlined in the suppression repair plan is completed. Crews and Forest Service staff will still be in the area patrolling and backhauling any equipment left in the area.

This will be the Final Update for the Buckskin 2 Fire. 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.

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 large fires in Washington and British Columbia. See <https://fire.airnow.gov/> for more detailed smoke information.

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The Bonner County Sheriff's Office has rescinded the READY notification for the Twin Creek Rd and Rearden Rd residents in Clark Fork as of August 19, 2023, at 4 PM.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

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Restriction that was in place for the safety of our aerial resources and firefighters on the ground has been officially rescinded as of August 20, 2023.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!