

## **Forest Service News Release**

**Boise National Forest** 

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## Boise National Forest expands wildfire closure orders, while Bulltrout Campground reopens.

**BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 12, 2024** – The Boise National Forest has modified or expanding their wildfire closures to address public and firefighter safety and respond to increased wildfire growth. Changes became effective earlier today.

Please refer to the maps and closure orders on the Boise National Forest's <u>Alerts and Notices</u> webpage and <u>Interactive Forest Closure Map</u> for specific details.

**Bulltrout Fire:** Due to successful firefighting efforts, the closure area is being reduced to the existing fire perimeter. Bulltrout Campground is now open, though the first-come, first-served campsites 11-15 are closed due to fire equipment.

**Anderson, Bulldog, and Nellie Combined Fires:** This new closure includes and expands upon the existing Bulldog and Anderson/Nellie Closure Order, and now includes an area around the Goat Fire, located two miles southeast of East Mountain.

This new closure area begins at the south end of the Dollar/Oro (Snag) fire closure area and continues south to Crouch and the Banks-Lowman Hwy, and east to the 579, 563 and 582 roads.

The 579, 563 and 582 roads will remain open, but all roads, trails and campgrounds within the closure area, include Deadwood Reservoir, are closed. An exception is the Deadwood Campground, located along the north side of the Banks-Lowman Hwy, will remain open.

**Wapiti Fire:** A new order expands the previous closure area. The closure effects some trails accessed from the Sawtooth Wilderness and road 524 into Grandjean.

## The Boulder, Flat, Dollar/Oro (Snag) fire closure orders: No change

**Reminder:** The Boise National Forest is currently in <u>Stage I Fire Restrictions</u>. These restrictions are in place to protect public safety and natural resources by reducing the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

Attached: Map of updated Bulltrout Fire closure area Map of updated Wapiti Fire closure area Map of new Anderson, Bulldog, and Nellie fires closure area Map of Boise National Forest fire closure areas