



Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Forest Service News Release

Bluff Creek Complex Approaches Containment, Closures to End

Areas and Roads Closed for Bluff Creek Complex to Reopen August 10, 2024

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho August 5, 2024— As the Bluff Creek Complex fires approach containment, all closures associated with the Bluff Creek Complex are expected to be rescinded and areas reopened on August 10, 2024.

Closures expected to be rescinded on August 10 include those of the [Gold Flat undeveloped campsite along the St. Joe River and several forest roads in the Bluff Creek area](#), as well as a closure announced today of the Trail 80 trailhead along Simmons Creek eight miles north of Red Ives Cabin.

A second round of precipitation brought an additional one-half inch of rain over the Bluff Creek Complex on August 4 as The Buffalo and East Fork Fires reached 100 percent containment. The Junction Fire is 90 percent contained and crews are working to secure the remaining perimeter and implement erosion control features.

The Dominion Point Fire has no containment because the fire has not reached the firelines, which is a defining feature of containment. However, firefighters have established indirect fireline around the entire fire and crews have been working to improve those lines with mastication along roads, installing fire hose along hand and machine lines, and improving ingress and egress for firefighters working on the firelines. With current fire behavior, as well as recent and forecasted precipitation, the fire is not expected to grow or reach the established fireline.

Further details on these closures including maps of the closed roads and trail can be found on the forest's [Alerts](#) webpage.

For more information on the Bluff Creek Complex, visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idipf-bluff-creek-complex>

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