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Flat Fire Update

August 19, 2024

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Incident Information Phone Line: 208-923-1265 – daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Flat Fire Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands>

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat>

Smoke Report: <https://www.airnow.gov>

Flat Fire Facts

Location: Approx. 1-mile northeast of Pioneerville in Boise County, Idaho

Reported: August 5, 2024

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Acres: 3,585

Containment: 14%

Personnel: 332 (10 hand crews, 10 engines, 4 water tenders, 3 dozers, 1 masticator and 4 helicopters)

Fuels: Timber with grass and understory

Highlights:

The Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 6, led by Incident Commander Mack McFarland, assumed command of the Flat Fire at 6:00 a.m., August 19, 2024. The Complex Incident Management Team brings additional resources and management capabilities to implement a full suppression strategy for the Flat Fire. The Flat Fire was first detected August 5 after a thunderstorm moved through the area.

The fire has seen moderate activity with minimal growth. Minimal torching and spread from downhill rolling of burning materials is expected today. Crews have begun mop-up of the north and west sides of the fire. On the east side of the fire, crews continue constructing dozer line and cleaning up snags. Crews are continuing work building lines to contain fire growth on the fire's southern edge in order to prevent the fire from establishing itself in the Elk Creek drainage.

Flat Fire Community Meeting: The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 19 at the Ray Robison Community Hall in Idaho City. Fire personnel will provide the latest update on Flat Fire activity.

Fire Behavior & Weather: Cooler weather is expected this week with 20-25 percent humidity levels in the fire area. Winds are expected to continue from the south at 6-10 mph. Gusts up to 20 mph are possible which could lead to increased fire activity.

Road and Trail Closures and Restrictions:

The Boise National Forest has implemented an Area Closure for the Flat Fire. See link for additional information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

The Summit Flat Road (#380) between Pioneerville and Coulter Summit is also closed for public and firefighter safety.

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