



# Flat Fire Update

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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:** Approximately one mile northeast of Pioneerville in Boise County, Idaho

**Reported:** August 5, 2024; **Cause:** Lightning/Natural

**Acres:** 3,732; **Containment:** 53%

**Fuels:** Timber with grass and understory

**Personnel:** 413 (9 hand crews, 10 engines, 6 water tenders, 1 dozer, 3 masticators and 3 helicopters)

**Highlights:** In spite of the hot, dry, and gusty winds over the past couple of days, the Flat Fire remains well within its original footprint. The weather over the past two days has tested the Flat fire lines with little affect. There has been little fire behavior and relatively little active burning and open flames.

All and all, it was another good day for firefighters that have been working hard to contain the Flat Fire. Firefighters over the next few days will continue to patrol the fire area looking for hot spots to mop-up. They will be backhauling, or removing excess fire equipment off the fire lines where they are no longer needed. This includes such fire items as hoses, pumps, collapsible water tanks, nozzles, plumbing hardware, fuel containers, etc.

Firefighters are also working on fire line and suppression repair efforts in those areas of the fire line that have good containment and are no longer at risk of escape. They are returning the disturbed areas, fire lines, staging areas, helipads etc., to as natural a state as is practicable. This is to minimize any future damages due to erosion.

The indirect dozer line on the east flank of the fire that has burned into the 2016 Pioneer Fire burn scar was completed today. Work remains on the southernmost corner of the fire where firefighters will connect the direct hand line with the indirect dozer line. This will complete a containment line around the fire that will be monitored and patrol for the foreseeable future. Firefighters will remain on scene continuing to look for hot spots and mop up areas where any heat is found.

**Fire Behavior and Weather:** Over the next couple of days, a Pacific storm system will move across the Pacific Northwest. Moisture and relative humidity (RH) will increase, along with isolated to scattered rain showers. Chances of wetting rains are low, with showers being light in nature. Cooler temperatures and RH above 30% expected on Sunday. Dry and warm weather conditions return next week.

**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-notices>. The Summit Flat Road (#380) between Pioneerville and Coulter Summit and FS Road 379 (Elk Creek Road) is closed for public and firefighter safety.

**Fires Burning in the Vicinity:** There are other fires burning north of the Flat Fire. See link for additional information: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>.

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