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August 26, 2024

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Incident Information Phone Line: 208-923-1265 - daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Flat Fire Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ldahoDepartmentofLands">https://www.facebook.com/ldahoDepartmentofLands</a> InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat</a>

Smoke Report: <a href="https://www.airnow.gov">https://www.airnow.gov</a>

## Flat Fire Facts

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

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

Acres: 3,734; Containment: 61%

**Fuels**: Timber with grass and understory

**Personnel**: 301 (6 hand crews, 5 engines, 5 water tenders, 1 dozer, 3 masticators and 1 helicopter)

**Highlights**: Yesterday, both acreage and containment remained unchanged. Fire managers feel confident with the containment lines along the southern, western, and northern sides of the fire, and saw very little fire behavior where the Flat Fire has burned into the 2016 Pioneer Fire Burn Scar. This eastern edge of the fire will continue to be closely monitored to prevent any impacts to the Idaho City watershed.

Tomorrow, crews will continue chipping debris alongside the Summit Flat Road (#380), graders will be working on the Elk Creek Road (FS RD 379), and excavators will continue suppression repair installing water bars on dozer lines. Due to the decrease in fire activity and complexity, the Flat Fire will be transitioned to an Idaho Department of Lands Type 4 organization on Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. The incoming team will spend today working with Great Basin Team 6 to successfully transition. The Type 4 organization will continue to patrol, monitor, and perform suppression repair to ensure the fire stays in its current footprint.

This will be the final update from Great Basin Team 6. We thank you for your support and welcoming us into your communities.

**Fire Behavior and Weather**: In the coming week, temperatures will rise topping out in the middle to upper 80s and approaching 90 degrees by Labor Day Weekend. Relative Humidity values will continue to lower returning to critical thresholds by the middle of the week, lasting through the holiday weekend. Periods of elevated fire weather conditions can be expected.

Road and Trail Closures and Restrictions: Currently, much of the state of Idaho is under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions including lands within the boundary of the Boise National Forest. Please do your part and learn more about current Fire Restrictions in the state at: <a href="https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/">https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/</a>.

The Boise National Forest has implemented an Area Closure for the Flat Fire. See link for additional information: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices">https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices</a>. 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: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson</a>.