

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #4



Limepoint Fire

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-limepoint-fire>

<https://www.facebook.com/payettenationalforest/>

| Start Date | Cause | Size | Containment | Helicopters | Engines | Crews | Heavy Equipment | Total Personnel |
|------------|-----------|--------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7/24/24 | Lightning | 32,439 | 82% | 4 | 17 | 7 | 17 | 452 |

Firefighting actions that seized on windows of favorable weather conditions over the past few days have paid off with Limepoint Fire containment now estimated at 82 percent. Concentrated efforts to use firing operations followed by methodical mop up techniques to cool burning material resulted in well buffered fireline on the northern portion of the fire between Hells Canyon and Grassy Ridge. Crews also made progress on the rugged section between Grassy Ridge and Kinney Point. Great Basin Team 4 Incident Commander Steve Shaw called the feat “a golden spike moment.” Shaw said, “I’m really proud of everyone who worked so hard on this.”

The work on the more than 32,000-acre fire is far from over, however. Containment is still underway on the eastern side of the fire in the Boulder Creek area and the northeastern corner from Lockwood Saddle to Kinney Point. Heavy equipment operators and hand crews are working in concert with natural and cultural resource specialists to repair suppression lines where they are no longer considered needed in the south and southeast sections of the fire. Of the approximately 67 miles of dozer line on National Forest and private lands that needs repaired, about 13.5 miles have been completed. Hand crews have brought 2 miles of the roughly 8 miles of handline back to a more natural state.

Milder weather conditions are expected to continue Wednesday, with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Thursday is shaping up to be hotter and windier with unstable air in front of a cooler, wetter weather system from the Pacific Northwest over the weekend.

Fire managers thanked members of the public for their continued patience with the Payette National Forest closure and Adams County Road closures. The large numbers of firefighting vehicles and heavy equipment traffic on the fire area’s narrow roads make it necessary to restrict the area to emergency personnel and residents.

Evacuations: Cuprum remains at a Level 2 (SET) evacuation level and Bear remains at a Level 1 (READY) evacuation level. For your safety and the safety of firefighters, please stay away from the fire area. Only residents and property owners are allowed in the area until further notice.

Closures: The Forest Closure Order issued by the Payette National Forest to protect public safety near the fire area remains in effect. For more information about the closure, visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-limepoint-fire>

Restrictions: [Stage 1 Fire Restrictions](#) remain in effect for the Payette National Forest and all [state, private and BLM lands in the fire area](#). Under these restrictions, campfires are allowed only in recreation sites within metal fire pits. Fires of any kind are not allowed in any dispersed camping areas.

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