

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #4



Limepoint and Cliff Mountain Fires

Thursday, August 15, 2024

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

Cliff Mountain: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-cliff-mountain>

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

Limepoint Start Date	Limepoint Cause	Limepoint Size	Limepoint Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Limepoint Total Personnel
7/24/24	Lightning	31,476	42%	4	20	12	8	570

Yesterday, a heavy morning dew on portions of the fire aided suppression efforts. Firefighters made good progress on the north side of the fire, securing the small fires outside the fire perimeter which were started by embers Monday, and using a small, intentional burnout operation along a containment line to further protect the Cuprum community. Strengthening of firelines and falling of standing dead fire-weakened trees continued around Cuprum. Containment increased southwest of Bear, on the east side of the fire.

Today, a low pressure system will pass over the fire area, resulting in both morning and evening bands of showers and thunderstorms, with variable wind direction and speeds during the day. Firefighters will continue suppression efforts on the northeastern portions of the fire. At the same time, firefighters will begin suppression repair work in areas on the southeastern portion of the fire, using heavy equipment and hand tools.

Incident Commander Jeff Knudson said, "At this stage of this fire, there is relatively small daily fire growth, and increasing amounts of fire containment. We are focusing on two equally important missions: continuing aggressive suppression efforts on the active, uncontained portions of the fire, while beginning to repair some of the impacts caused by our prior fire suppression efforts on areas of the fire which are now secure."

The **Cliff Mountain Fire**, located approximately 7 miles north of the Limepoint Fire, is **1,108 acres with 75 percent containment**, burning mostly in wilderness, and it received approximately ½" of rain on August 13. Aviation resources continue to actively assess this fire.

Evacuations: Evacuation levels continue unchanged. Cuprum remains at a Level 2 (SET) evacuation level, per the Adams County Sheriff. The Bear and Wildhorse communities remain 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.

Special Note: The Council Mountain Music Festival will be held as planned this weekend at Veterans Memorial Peace Park, adjacent to Adams County Fairgrounds in Council. The fairgrounds are serving as the Incident Command Post (ICP) for the Limepoint Fire. Fire managers and festival organizers are coordinating to ensure the enjoyment of festival attendees, and the safety of both festival attendees and fire personnel.

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