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MORNING UPDATE Paddock Fire August 11, 2024

Start Date: August 5, 2024

Location: Located 20 miles north of Emmett

Cause: Lightning Acres Burned: 187,185 acres

Containment: 5%

Resources Assigned: 310 – includes 16 engines, 9 hand crews, 12 dozers, 8 water tenders

SUMMARY

Overnight, fire crews patrolled and strengthened control lines and structure protection on the Paddock Fire. The fire is not expected to grow as crews continue to monitor and improve established perimeters. Crews today will continue to ground-truth fire line and mop-up. Crews are remaining alert to potential new starts because of the hot and dry weather and fuels.

Weather today is expected to be warm and dry with clear skies and mostly light winds. There's a slight chance of thunderstorms Monday and Tuesday afternoon with 30 mph wind gusts possible.

Late yesterday, a new lightning-caused fire was spotted north of the Paddock fire's footprint and east of Crane Creek. The Paddock Fire's Nevada Team 3 supported BLM Boise District's and local fire department initial attack with 5 engines, 2 hand crews, 3 dozers, a water tender, and aircraft including 2 water scoopers, 2 large air tankers and a Type 1 helicopter. Initial attack was successful, and the fire was contained at 40 acres.

ROAD CLOSURES

The Sweet-Ola Highway, Spring Creek Road, Butte Road and the Van Deusen Road remain closed to through traffic and open to local and fire support traffic only.

EVACUATION ORDERS

Gem County: Gem County Sheriff's Office issued evacuation orders for the Sweet Ola Highway up to High Valley Road, Spring Creek Road, Butte Road and the Van Deusen area north of Highway 52. All evacuation areas are still set at a Get Set Level 2.

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Payette County: Evacuation notices are being lifted in all areas within Payette County except the Little Willow and Dry Creek area, which are reduced to a Get Ready Level 1 status.

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Washington County: Washington County Sheriff's Office has updated the evacuation zones in the area southeast of South Crane Road from Cove Road to the Mercury Mine, and south to Payette County line which is still Be Set Level 2.

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