

Frog Fire Update

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Sawtooth National Forest

Dick Dutcher, Incident Commander

Frog Fire Statistics:

Size: 2,500 acres Containment: 0% Total Personnel: 91 Location: Little Boulder Creek off

East Fork

Reported: 9/7/2024 Cause: Lightning

For More Information:

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InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest

Current Situation: A significant weather system is moving through the region over the next few days. Prior to the onset of anticipated precipitation, critical fire weather conditions and an increase in fire activity is anticipated. Fire managers employed various aerial resources in an attempt to contain the fire and prevent its spread across Big Boulder Creek. However, due to escalating wind and fire activity, aerial operations were temporarily suspended.

The fire continued to advance northward, eastward, and westward. Numerous structures located along the East Fork drainage and to the north are at risk. The fire has reached Big Boulder Creek, increasing the potential for embers to be carried across the creek and continue moving. Fire managers are actively working to prevent the fire from establishing across the creek and continuing its northward progression.

As the cloud ceiling drops, air resources will be unable to engage due to low clouds and visibility concerns. Weather is expected to improve Friday or Saturday. A Type 3 Team will be taking command of the fire over the next 24 hours.

Weather, Fuels, and Fire Behavior: Thunderstorms over the next 24 hours are expected to bring moisture that will help moderate fire behavior. However, strong outflow winds will accompany that moisture and may present control problems. Red Flag warnings are in effect today with warming and drying conditions beginning Friday and Saturday.

Evacuations:

For evacuation information on the Frog Fire, please see the Custer County Sheriff's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/p/Custer-County-Sheriff-Idaho-61558947312289/ and the Custer County Emergency Management Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ccem.idaho

To sign up for Custer County CodeRED emergency notifications, text CUSTER to 99411 or enroll online at https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF28E45537FF.

Closures and Fire Restrictions:



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The <u>Frog Fire Area Closure</u> /Forest Order: 0414-04-152 for portions of the Sawtooth National Forest can be found at this site: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-publication/idstf-frog/frog-fire-closure-09-10-2024

Fire restrictions on **federal**, **state**, **and private lands** may be found at this site: https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/.

Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit http://knowbeforeyoufly.org.