



Wapiti Fire Update

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

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander



Wapiti Fire Statistics:

Size: 125,429 acres
Containment: 12%
Total Personnel: 1,244
Location: Grandjean, ID
Reported: July 24, 2024
Cause: Lightning

For More Information:

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Email: 2024.wapiti@firenet.gov
InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wapitifireinfo2024>
Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/WapitiFireInfo2024>
Interactive Map: <https://tinyurl.com/WapitiFireInfoMap>

Special Notes: State Highway 21 remains closed east of Lowman to Stanley from MP84 (Sourdough Lodge) to MP126 (Stanley Lake turnoff) due to wildfire activity and potential hazards caused by rainfall within the burn area. Highway 75 remains open. A Nevada Type 3 Incident Management Team will in brief today on Frog Fire on the Sawtooth National Forest, for updates on this incident visit the InciWeb page: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog>.

Current Situation: Yesterday brought high winds to all areas of the fire ahead of precipitation. Minimal fire activity was observed ahead of the storm front. Today will bring a steady rain, while this will not fully suppress the fire, it will moderate fire behavior. Crews continue to provide protection to various values at risk across the incident. They only engage with the fire where they have a reasonable probability of success. Incident Managers and Agency Administrators from the Forest Service and Idaho Department of Lands continue to meet daily to assess operations and incident objectives.

Division DD: The fire continues to hold within the creek drainages and at the rock scree above the tree line in the Sawtooth Wilderness. Aircraft fly this area of the fire daily, weather permitting, to monitor for hotspots or movement out of the drainages.

Division HH: Crews remain in the Stanley community. Fire lines in the Iron Creek area are holding and crews continue to monitor the division.

Division KK and Structure Group East: Structure protection remains in place and crews monitor the communities to ensure that the fire is not progressing.

Divisions PP & MM: Fire resources maintained a presence along the fire perimeter and continue to monitor the fire along Highway 21. No firing operations were necessary. The area remained fairly quiet through the wind event near Cape Horn and the fire maintained its footprint.

Division WW and Structure Group West: Structure and prep work is complete in Sourdough, Ten Ax, Two Ravens and Middle Lowman. Crews worked to improve lines throughout the communities to prepare for the wind event. Some fire came down above the Warm Spring Guard Station and aviation resources were used to keep the fire from coming down the hill. Fire on Eight Mile Ridge remained in its footprint throughout the wind event. Handline was completed in Eight Mile Creek within an old roadbed from Highway 21 1.5 miles up the canyon. Preparation work is complete on



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the Jackson Peak Communication Site. Crews assisted with Initial Attack on a single-tree fire near Lowman.

Division VV: Minimal fire activity was observed in this division and the fire continues to hold at Chapman Creek. Due to low potential for fire to spread, aircraft fly this area of the fire daily, weather permitting, to monitor for hotspots or movement out of the drainages.

Weather, Fuels, and Fire Behavior: Yesterday's storm brought heavy winds, rain and hail. This morning will bring sporadic showers. Temperatures will continue to drop throughout the day and into the evening; low overnight temps will drop into the twenties. Over the next week conditions will continue to cycle between warm/dry and cooler/wet waves.

Evacuations:

For evacuation information on the Wapiti Fire, please see the Custer County Sheriff's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Custer-County-Sheriff-Idaho-61558947312289/> and the Boise County Sheriff's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/boisecountysheriff/>.

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

To sign up for Boise County Alert Sense emergency notification enroll online at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?regionid=1163>

Closures and Fire Restrictions:

State Highway 21 remains closed from MP84 to MP126 for public and firefighter safety.

A **Wapiti Fire Area Closure / Forest Order:** 0414-04-151 for portions of the Boise, Sawtooth, and Salmon-Challis National Forests can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sawtooth/alerts-notice>.

Boise National Forest Stage 1 Fire Restrictions / Forest Order: 0402-00-63 can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

Sawtooth National Forest Stage 1 Fire Restrictions / Forest Order 0414-00-044 can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sawtooth/alerts-notice>

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

Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the Wapiti Fire. Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.