



Forest Service News Release



Lava Fire Public Information

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Lava Fire Transitions to Type 3 Incident Management Team

OLA, Idaho, September 7, 2024 – Wyoming Team 6, a Type 3 Incident Management Team, took command of the Lava Fire at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. The lightning-caused fire was first reported on September 2 at 11:20 p.m. and is currently 1,611 acres in size, burning in heavy timber, brush and grass approximately 9 miles north of Ola, Idaho, in the Chief Eagle Eye Creek Drainage.

Firefighting resources include multiple fire engines, air resources and three hand crews, with 191 personnel currently assigned to the incident. Additional resources have also been ordered.

Yesterday, the fire moved predominately south due to windy conditions. Crews worked to contain the northeast flank of the fire and retardant lines near Third Fork Ridge are holding. Retardant from air resources and helicopter bucket drops have helped slow fire growth. One common way fire retardant works is by reducing the receptiveness of fuels in the surrounding area to slow the rate of combustion and limit the spread of flames. Due to windy conditions, short range spotting is occurring outside the fire perimeter and crews are working to suppress those spots. Today, there will be continued use of air resources to support firefighting efforts. The Forest Service uses all available strategies and tools to suppress wildfires, and public and firefighter safety are the top priorities for fire managers.

Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue today. Expect to see increased fire activity during the afternoon.

The Boise National Forest has implemented the [Lava Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure 0402-06-62 \(map\)](#) for public and firefighter safety. Visit the [Boise National Forest Alerts and Notices](#) webpage for further details.

An InciWeb page has been established for the Lava Fire. Visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-lava-fire> for more information.

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