



Forest Service News Release



Lava Fire Public Information

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Lava Fire Evening Update: September 8, 2024

OLA, Idaho, September 8, 2024 – Extreme fire behavior resulted in significant and rapid growth in all directions today on the Lava Fire. The fire is now approximately 30,000 acres in size. Firefighting personnel and resources had to evacuate the area this morning due to rapid fire spread. The incident management team and all firefighters have since relocated. All personnel are safe and accounted for.

Damage of structures is being assessed by fire managers and the county sheriff's office.

Fire managers and personnel are working to develop a structure protection strategy and establish an anchor point from which to build fireline. Fireline is hand or dozer line that firefighters construct by digging down to the bare mineral soil to hold the fire and keep it from growing. Additionally, a Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) has been ordered and will take command of the fire in the coming days.

Gem County Sheriff's Office issued LEVEL 3 "GO!" Evacuation notices to residents on Third Fork Road, North of Nesbitt Lane, Nesbitt Lane, Second Fork Road (North of Nesbitt Lane), and Sage Hen Reservoir. The Gem County Sheriff's Office notified the residences in person on September 8th, 2024.

Gem County Road and Bridge issued the following road closures: Third Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, and Second Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane. The Sweet-Ola Highway has also been closed at the split to Second and Third Fork Roads. Please be advised that the Gem County Sheriff's Office is staffing the road closure check points.

Adams County Sheriff's Office issued LEVEL 3 "GO!" Evacuation notices to residents along Little Weiser Road in Indian Valley to the south of Council, ID. Sheriff deputies have made notifications to residents. Council, ID to the south county line, on the east side of Highway 95 are in LEVEL 2 "SET" Evacuation.

Boise National Forest implemented the Lava Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure 0402-06-62 for public and firefighter safety. Visit the Forest [Alerts and Notices web page](#) for details.

Visit the Lava Fire InciWeb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-lava-fire> for more information. For other news, events and information, visit the Boise National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/boise> and follow the Boise on [Facebook](#) @BoiseNationalForest.

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