



Morning Update – Wapiti and Frog Fires

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Special Updates: Great Basin Team #4 is also in command of the 82-acre Corral Fire. Located east of Atlanta, ID, the fire has not exhibited any growth or fire activity since Thursday, September 19. This fire will not be reported on daily unless significant activity occurs.

Weather: Today’s weather will be very similar to yesterday’s. Warmer and drier conditions continue until midweek when a slight chance for moisture and thunderstorms is forecast. Incident meteorologists will continue to monitor the incoming weather and provide firefighters with information on the likely impacts to the fire area.

Wapiti Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 125,476 acres Completion: 72% Total Personnel: 375 Location: near Grandjean, ID Reported: July 24, 2024 Cause: Lightning	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

Current Situation: Slight increases in fire behavior occurred yesterday on the Wapiti Fire when the clear skies and warm temperatures allowed vegetation to burn more readily than it has since last week’s rain. Light terrain winds caused whirls of dust and ash to rise several hundred feet into the air. This is likely to continue while the warm and dry weather remains over the vicinity and are not of concern to firefighting efforts.

Near Lowman and the Bull Trout area, firefighters have nearly completed all suppression repair work doable by hand and are waiting for incoming equipment to support larger repair actions. Special equipment is also on order to facilitate reopening the road to Grandjean since mudslides closed it to all traffic last week. Engineers and other specialists are in consultation with fire managers to ensure it is completed effectively.

Fire crews continue to cut down trees near Stanley Lake and in Iron Creek that pose hazards near roads and trails. They are also pulling out equipment, signage, and other markers of fire suppression actions. Some fire activity was observed in Iron Creek yesterday; it was far enough interior of the fire perimeter that it did not require any direct response by firefighters. Log removal continues along the 210 road. Once equipment has finished with that, it will be moved to the west side of the fire to support repair actions there.

Traffic control measures along Highway 21 may increase during the week as Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) continues replacing damaged infrastructure and signage along with removing trees along the highway right of way.

Evacuations: Evacuation status for Stanley Zone 1 is currently at READY. Stanley Zones 2 – 5 and Kasino are no longer in an evacuation status. To sign up for Custer County CodeRED emergency notifications, text CUSTER to 99411 or enroll online at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF28E45537FF>.

All evacuation levels have been lifted for Boise County; residents should continue to be alert for any change in conditions which could cause a return of evacuation status. To sign up for Boise County Alert Sense emergency notifications, enroll online at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?regionid=1163>.

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

Closures: The Wapiti Fire area closure has been reduced but still covers portions of the Sawtooth, Boise, and Salmon National Forests. Please reference the map and description at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idbof-wapiti-fire>. Recreationalists and hunters should reference this map and obey all posted signage regarding the closure area and any related road, trail, and campground closures.

An interactive map for all closures on the Boise National Forest is found at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/642380b0eb124c8cab6bd9ad3d7146ad/page/Overview/#data_s=id%3AdataSource_5-1888bd00a2c-layer-13-1888bd00b53-layer-16%3A82.

Frog Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 3,111 acres Containment: 42% Total Personnel: 108 Location: east of Clayton, ID Reported: September 7, 2024 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest

Current Situation: More accurate mapping of the Frog Fire accounts for the additional growth on the northeast end of the fire. A crew was flown into the southern corner of the fire, above Little Boulder Creek, to begin working directly along the fire perimeter to extend existing containment line that stretches along the eastern edge of the burned area. In the northwest corner of the fire, where more fire activity has been observed over the weekend, helicopters dropped water to suppress flames and limit spread. Fire engines and crews remain in the valley to respond to any threats to private property.

Evacuations: There are currently no evacuations related to the Frog Fire.

Closures: An area closure is in place around the Frog Fire. Roads 669 and 670 and trails 678 and 047 are all included in the closure. See the map and read the complete description at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idstf-frog>.