



Morning Update – Wapiti and Frog Fires

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Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #4

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Special Emphasis: For this weekend, closures remain in place and fire crews and heavy equipment will continue to be present on the roads. Please use the links below for maps and information for planning hunting and recreational activities.

Collection of firewood within closure areas is also prohibited; any firewood collection in open areas must be done with a valid firewood permit. For questions on firewood collection on the Sawtooth National Forest, please contact the Stanley Ranger Station at 208.774.3000.

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has arrived on the Wapiti Fire to begin assessments of the fire area and develop a plan for emergency stabilization to limit threats and damage from the effects of fire, such as erosion control.

Weather: Yesterday we saw an increase in temperature and wind and that trend will continue through today into Sunday. Today winds and temperatures will climb, and humidity will drop, creating potentially critical fire weather conditions. This pattern repeats Sunday when higher winds are expected, but humidities will be slightly higher than Saturday.

Wapiti Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 125,540 acres Completion: 75% Total Personnel: 320 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: With the higher winds yesterday fire activity on the Wapiti Fire increased and is expected to remain active through the weekend. Yesterday crews worked on hotspots around the Haynes Creek area. Chapman Creek also showed more smoke yesterday due to the higher winds. More hotspots are expected to become active today particularly on the west side of the fire around Copper Mountain that will be exposed to gustier conditions. Hot spots in the interior of the fire are expected to show more smoke as fire spreads through unburned vegetation.

The restoration of the Grandjean Road continues, and crews are assessing the area to see what other work is needed. Several small repair projects continue in the Lowman area. Crews worked just north of Copper Mountain to suppress the most predominate heat along the open edge of the fire. Crews will continue to look for and monitor other areas near Copper Mountain that may heat up with the windier weather. In the Bull Trout area, active fire areas that crews worked on over the last few days have been suppressed. Additional smoke has become visible north of that area and will be assessed today for appropriate suppression actions. Hazard tree removal along the 630 Road and Stanley Lake Road continues. Log removal on the 210 Road is mostly complete. Some minor repair and reseeding on the landings will be completed in the next few days by hand crews. As projects are completed equipment and people are being relocated to other portions on the fire area.

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

All Boise County evacuation levels have been lifted; residents should remain alert for any change in conditions which could reinitiate an evacuation status. Sign up for Boise County Alert Sense emergency notifications 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 covers portions of the Sawtooth, Boise, and Salmon-Challis 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: 3,112 acres Containment: 64% Total Personnel: 136 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: The Frog Fire has become less active and containment has increased on the south and east sides; however, there are still some areas of heat remaining on the interior of the fire area. The fire is sheltered from the predicted high winds and is not expected to show any significant increases in activity over the weekend. Work on the Frog Fire has progressed well, and fire managers estimate only a few days left of work to complete containment of the fire perimeter. As resources are no longer needed on the Frog Fire, they will be reassigned to the Wapiti Fire. The fire camp at Yankee Fork Guard Station will also be removed by the end of the weekend due to the decreased need for support on that fire.

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

Closures: The area closure in place around the Frog Fire includes FS 667 (Big Boulder Creek Road) and Trail 047 where adjacent to the closure boundary. The closure excludes FS Roads 669 and 670 and Trail 682. Hunters and recreationalists should familiarize themselves with this closure information prior to entering the vicinity. Please reference the map and read the full closure description at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idstf-frog>.