



# Morning Update – Wapiti and Frog Fires

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**Special Emphasis:** Near critical fire conditions continue today with windy, dry, and unseasonably warm weather. Helicopters will likely be grounded this afternoon due to predicted wind gusts of 40 – 45 mph.

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:** The Stanley basin tied the record for the date for hottest day on Saturday reaching 83 degrees. On Sunday, stronger winds to the west of the Wapiti Fire will bring very cold weather on Monday morning with lows about 20 degrees.

Wapiti Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 125,540 acres Completion: 75% Total Personnel: 335 Location: near Grandjean, ID Reported: July 24, 2024 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wapitifireinfo2024">https://www.facebook.com/wapitifireinfo2024</a> Linktree: <a href="https://linktr.ee/WapitiFireInfo2024">https://linktr.ee/WapitiFireInfo2024</a> Interactive Map: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WapitiFireInfoMap">https://tinyurl.com/WapitiFireInfoMap</a>

**Current Situation:** New isolated areas of heat popped up all around the Wapiti Fire on Saturday. Helicopters dropped approximately 116,000 gallons of water on hot spots until they were grounded in the late afternoon due to winds. Crews were able to engage with all hot spots that were a concern and will continue the good work today. In addition to a busy day with suppression, repair work continued on Saturday with crews working on roads, cutting down hazard trees, and assessing areas for needed repair work.

Smoke from multiple hot spots were visible from Highway 21 including near the Park Creek Overlook where surface fire was pushed by the gusty winds through spotty grasses and vegetation until it burned into the old Elk Fire scar which minimized spread. Helicopters worked to slow the spread as pockets of unburned vegetation within the fire perimeter burned near Iron Creek. Speaking to the weather forecast for Sunday, Incident Commander Steve Shaw recognized the near critical fire weather and said that we will “plan accordingly, respond accordingly, and will engage responsibly.”

**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 reinstate 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](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: 66% Total Personnel: 109 Location: east of Clayton, ID Reported: September 7, 2024 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest">https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest</a>

**Current Situation:** Crews added about ½ mile of containment line on the northern corner of the Frog Fire increasing containment to 66 percent. There are pockets of heat remaining on the southeast side of the fire and crews will focus on this area today. Fire activity is on a downhill trend, but crews will remain vigilant and ready for Sunday’s weather as it could test containment lines.

The Yankee Fork camp will shut down today with remaining crews working from a remote camp in Little Boulder Creek to be closer to the Frog 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>.