



# Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires

## Incident Update

### Date: September 17, 2024



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Fire Information: 208 389 4709

Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>



#### Incident Websites:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-black-eagle-fire>

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-red-rock-fire>

#### Red Rock:

The Red Rock fire is estimated today to be 3,055 acres and is 7% contained.

On Monday, increased fire activity was observed due to less rain than anticipated in the affected area. Fire crews took this opportunity to advance their efforts on the northern and northeastern flanks. They focused on removing fire-damaged trees, extinguishing or removing burning debris, and cooling down ash to strengthen firelines and contain the blaze within its established perimeter. Meanwhile, on the southern side, teams worked alongside resource advisors to identify the best access points for direct fire attacks.

Today, crews continue to work with resource advisors to identify suitable locations on the eastern side of the fire for constructing both hand and dozer lines. This work will go southward towards the 4th of July trail system to ensure the fire remains within its current footprint. In the southern area, crews will work to remove hazardous trees. With arrival of additional resources, crews can start constructing direct fire lines.

#### Black Eagle:

The Black Eagle fire is estimated today to be 6,451 acres and is 0% contained.

Yesterday, fire crews focused on removing extra equipment from the Yellowjacket Ranger Station in preparation for bad weather. At Black Eagle Mine, personnel used aircraft to drop water and construct firelines around spot fires.

Today, crews will continue to tackle the spot fires in Black Eagle Creek by constructing more handlines and strengthening existing firelines. Helicopters will assist with water drops if weather conditions allow. Additionally, teams will check that pumps and sprinklers on critical infrastructure are ready for use if needed.

#### WEATHER:

The forecast for today calls for periods of moderate rainfall, with totals around 0.5". Temperatures are expected to reach 48°, with high humidity. Winds will be from the west-southwest, with gusts possibly reaching 40-50 miles per hour.

#### FIRE BEHAVIOR:

There will be decreased fire behavior today due to the expected precipitation. In areas of the fires with canopy cover or in areas of lighter rainfall, fire behavior will remain the same as yesterday. Fire spread may still occur in heavier fuels like large-diameter logs or because of rollout, when smoldering fuels roll from one point to another.



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## **FOREST CLOSURES:**

Forest Closure Orders 04-13-24-017 and 04-13-24-019 remain in place.

For more information please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notices>

## **EVACUATIONS:**

Lemhi County: Evacuation order and warnings remain in effect. For more information, please go to: <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/site-home/news/black-eagle-and-red-rock-fire-update>

Evacuation Zone 1 is in "Go Status," and Evacuation Zones 2, 3, and 4 are in "Ready Status."