



Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires Incident Update

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Fire Information: 208 389 4709 Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Email: 2024.redrock@firenet.gov

2024.blackeagle@firenet.gov

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

Today is California Interagency Incident Management Team 4's last day and Neveda Team 5 will be taking command tomorrow at 7:00 AM.

FIRE ACTIVITY:

The Red Rock Fire is at 3,141 acres and 73% containment.

Yesterday, the area around Red Rock Peak experienced increased fire activity as southern winds pushed the fire northeast. With support from air support, firefighters made significant progress in constructing containment lines around the northwest corner of the fire. In other areas, crews continued to establish handlines along the remaining uncontained sections of the perimeter, including some relatively inactive parts on the southern and eastern flanks.

Today, firefighting units will focus on mopping up, reinforcing, and extending existing handlines, particularly in the active northwest corner. They will also begin laying hoselines in this area to address any hot spots. Throughout the day, air support will continue to provide crucial assistance to ground crews.

The Black Eagle Fire is at 6,494 acres and 8% containment.

Yesterday, the northeast section of the Black Eagle Fire showed increased activity within the wilderness and the fire area. However, progress is being made in containing the southeast corner of the fire. Teams, supported by aircraft, are constructing direct lines and mopping up on both sides of Black Eagle Creek.

Today, crews will keep focusing on the Black Eagle Creek area, and aircraft will be deployed to assist with the northeast section of the fire.

WEATHER:

Yesterday was warmer and drier than expected, and today is likely to follow that trend with predicted temperatures in the low 70's and relative humidity possibly dropping to 18%. Although winds coming from the southwest will be around 10mph during the day, we may see gusts of up to 25 mph in the afternoon.

FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Today's weather is expected to bring some of the most challenging fire behavior we've encountered in a while. Although the handlines established by firefighters should help control the situation, there will still be pockets of the fire area filled with heavy dead and down fuels that may flare up. As usual, the northeast section of the Black Eagle Fire and the northwest section of the Red Rock Fire will likely see particularly intense activity. In the afternoon, this heightened fire behavior may restrict firefighters' ability to directly engage the fire's edge, increasing our reliance on air support for containment efforts.

FOREST CLOSURES: For forest closure information please go to: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notices

EVACUATIONS: For evacuation information in Lemhi County regarding these fires please go to: <u>Emergency</u> Management Department | Lemhi County, ID (lemhicountyidaho.org).