



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

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



Incident Websites:

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

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

FIRE ACTIVITY:

Red Rock Fire is currently at 3055 acres and 28% containment.

Taking advantage of the significant influx of state and federal agency resources, crews were able to go direct across the fire yesterday. While some challenging areas remain in the fire's northwest and southeast corners, crews are now engaged on nearly all areas, including the entire southern boundary. Over 200 firefighters are at spike camps, a forward operating bases designed for maximum efficiency.

Despite encountering stronger-than-expected winds, with gusts reaching 28 mph that heightened fire activity and limited air support, crews made notable progress in gaining containment on the fire and will continue these efforts today. With wind speeds expected to decrease, air operations are likely to resume this morning.

To mitigate the impact of heavy vehicle traffic on local roads, maintenance and grading work has been underway, along with the use of chippers to clear the tree debris commonly left in the wake of firefighting efforts. This tactical repair work will persist today as resources shift toward a long-term suppression repair strategy.

Black Eagle Fire is currently at 6451 acres and 4% containment.

Incident management continues to closely monitor fire behavior on the west and north sides of the Black Eagle Fire, where there has been minimal growth in recent days. Today, resources will focus on tackling hotspots on the southeast side near Black Eagle Creek and Black Eagle Mine, as well as conducting hazard tree abatement along nearby roads.

WEATHER:

Today's weather will likely be similar to yesterday's, but with slightly cooler temperatures calmer winds. We expect highs of around 55 degrees, with humidity around 26%. Winds are predicted to subside to 8mph out of the N/NE with gusts up to 15mph.

FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Fire behavior is expected to increase today as fuels will become progressively dry and more available for fire spread. While fire growth will likely be limited, it is expected in some areas, particularly in the bowl near Red Rock Peak. In these areas, direct attack on the fire may become more challenging.

FOREST CLOSURES:

For forest closure information please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notice>

EVACUATIONS:

For evacuation information in Lemhi County regarding these fires please go to: [Emergency Management Department | Lemhi County, ID \(lemhicountyidaho.org\)](https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/emergency-management).