



# Wapiti Fire Update

Tuesday September 17, 2024 8:00 a.m.

**Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7**

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander



Wapiti Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 125,459 acres Completion: 55% Total Personnel: 698 Location: Grandjean, ID Reported: July 24, 2024 Cause: Lightning	Information Phone: 208-593-7132 Email: <a href="mailto:2024.wapiti@firenet.gov">2024.wapiti@firenet.gov</a> 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>

## Special Notes:

The mixed containment and confinement strategy has been progressing on the Wapiti Fire in large part due to favorable weather and precipitation. Fall temperatures continue to support the reduction in fire behavior. Air quality and smoke outlooks have continued to improve, allowing relief for the surrounding communities and businesses.

Aviation resources continue to assist the Frog Fire but are available to support the Wapiti Fire if needed.

## Current Situation:

There was no observed growth today and operational staff continue to see a reduction in fire behavior.

The east side of the fire has added containment along the Highway 21 corridor to Valley Creek. On portions of the west side and southern parts of the fire, confinement lines have been identified; these lines will be used to hold the fire in areas where it is not safe or effective to get crews on the ground. The fire has reached 55% completion between both the containment and confinement objectives. Precipitation will continue throughout the day today and tomorrow.

Divisions KK (Structure Group East), HH, and DD: Hazard tree removal and suppression repair in the Stanley Lake Recreation Area is continuing and should be completed soon. Suppression repair operations in these divisions are working to remove structure protection equipment and repair both hand and mechanical line created in the suppression efforts.

Divisions MM and PP: Firefighters worked with Resource Advisors in the division to continue suppression repair activities, in addition to the removal of hazard trees. In Division PP, north-east of Cape Horn, suppression repair activities were finalized on Monday, with crews removing the last of the structure wrap at Camp Bradley.

### Division WW and Structure Group West:

Firefighters responded to a new fire start in the Blue Jay Creek area and were able to quickly bring that fire under containment. Fire activity in the area has continued to hold. Aviation resources were called in for a short period of time to cool off the 8-Mile Creek area. Structure protection remains in place though it continues to look slightly different than it did a week ago, as some pieces of equipment have been winterized and staged but remain in the area readily available if the need arises.

Division VV: Infrared flights show very little heat primarily in heavy fuels in the interior of the fire. Natural barriers, such as rocky scree and cliffs continue to hold the fire perimeter in place.

## Weather, Fuels, and Fire Behavior:

Scattered rain showers are forecasted Tuesday into Wednesday morning. Beyond the added moisture the increase in cloud cover will continue to moderate areas that are still holding heat. These affects will diminish toward the end of the week as sunny days return and radiant heat will rebuild.

### **Evacuations:**

Evacuation status for Stanley Zone 1 has changed from SET back to READY, and Stanley Zones 2-5 and Kasino are no longer in an evacuation status.

Evacuation status for Boise County on the Loman side of the Wapiti Fire has downgraded to READY, or Level 1, in all zones.

For evacuation information on the Wapiti Fire, please see the Custer County Sheriff's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Custer-County-Sheriff-Idaho-61558947312289/> and the Boise County Sheriff's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/boisecountysheriff/>.

To sign up for Custer County CodeRED emergency notifications, text CUSTER to 99411 or enroll online at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF28E45537FF>

To sign up for Boise County Alert Sense emergency notification enroll online at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?regionid=1163>

### **Closures and Fire Restrictions:**

**The Middle Fork Complex Fire Closure Order is amended** to provide consistency with the Wapiti Fire closure. This amended order, **Forest Order #0402-06-64**, closes the **582** and **563** roads, as well as the 579 road from its junction with 563 eastward to the junction with Highway 21. More information can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices>

**State Highway 21** remains closed from MP84 (Sourdough Lodge) to MP126 (Stanley Lake turn off) for public and firefighter safety.

A **Wapiti Fire Area Closure** / **Forest Order: 0414-04-151** for portions of the Boise, Sawtooth, and Salmon-Challis National Forests can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sawtooth/alerts-notices>

**Boise National Forest Stage 1 Fire Restrictions** / **Forest Order: 0402-00-63** can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices>

**Sawtooth National Forest Stage 1 Fire Restrictions** / **Forest Order 0414-00-044** can be found at this site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sawtooth/alerts-notices>

Fire restrictions on **federal, state, and private lands** may be found at this site: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Wapiti Fire. Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.