



Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires Incident Update Date: September 29, 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 FLAG WARNING ISSUED FOR SUNDAY FOR RED ROCK AND BLACK EAGLE FIRE AREAS

FIRE ACTIVITY:

The Red Rock Fire is at 3,239 acres and 75% containment.

Warmer and gustier winds continue to drive fire behavior on the Red Rock Fire. The Fire Watch that was issued yesterday has been upgraded to a Red Flag Warning for the fire area today. In response, crews are strengthening contingency lines, especially on the eastern flank, in the event fire activity increases due to winds. Aircraft support will continue to cool hot spots ahead of crews but may be grounded by today’s expected winds. Crews continue to improve lines and increase mop-up depth on all other areas of the fire.

The Black Eagle Fire is at 7,038 acres and 8% containment.

The Black Eagle Fire continues to burn in designated wilderness areas where crews monitor the fire closely. Like the Red Rock Fire, the Black Eagle Fire saw increased fire activity in areas with heavy dead and down fuels. In areas outside of designated wilderness, aircraft supported ground crew efforts to secure and improve the fireline. Crews are utilizing MIST tactics, including direct and indirect attack, outside of wilderness boundaries.

WEATHER:

High pressure over the fire area brought unseasonably warm temperatures and dry conditions. Temperatures climbed into the mid 70s and humidity bottomed out in the lower teens. Light winds in the morning increased to southwesterly winds at 11 mph with gusts to 24 mph in the afternoon, driven by the trough of low pressure that moved into the Pacific Northwest late Saturday. A Red Flag Warning is in effect for Sunday afternoon as conditions remain dry and winds from the southwest strengthen to 20 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Modest overnight humidity recoveries moderated fire behavior somewhat across both fires. Areas where humidities fall below 25% with gusty afternoon winds can experience increased activity in heavy dead and down fuels, including short-range spotting. Red Flag conditions will increase fire behavior and make direct line construction difficult.

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: [Emergency Management Department | Lemhi County, ID \(lemhicountyidaho.org\)](#).