



# Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires

## Incident Update

Date: September 19, 2024



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Fire Information: 208 389 4709

Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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### Incident Websites:

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

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

### FIRE ACTIVITY:

The Red Rock Fire is currently 3,055 acres and is 14% contained.

Yesterday, crews made significant progress in constructing direct handlines and conducting mop-up operations in the northwestern area of the fire, particularly along the 60110 road. Their successful hose lay work in this region was effectively tied into the northeast part of the fire, enhancing containment efforts.

In the 4th of July Creek area, crews focused on building direct handlines and reinforcing containment lines through a combination of tactics, including direct handline, cold trailing, and mop-up operations. Fortunately, limited fire activity in the southern section of the Red Rock fire allowed teams to complete suppression repair activities there and continue their work along Panther Creek Road. This progress is crucial for ensuring the fire remains contained in these areas.

Today, crews will continue suppression repair efforts on the Red Rock fire, focusing on road repair and chipping operations near Panther Creek Road. They will maintain the fire perimeter along the 60210 road, extending eastward and then south toward 4th of July Creek, ensuring it remains within the established footprint.

On the eastern flank, direct line construction will progress just south of 4th of July Road. Additionally, more interagency hotshot crews will establish a spike camp in the southern area to work on building handlines, cold trailing, and mop-up operations to work on getting containment lines on the eastern side of the fire.

The Black Eagle Fire is currently 6,451 acres and is 0% contained.

Yesterday, on the Black Eagle fire crews continued to work in the area east of Black Eagle Creek cooling the fire's edge, removing any fuels that could impact containment, monitoring for any flare-ups, and going direct on spot fires. Interagency hot shot crews continue their efforts north of Black Eagle Mine, where there is still significant heat. Aside from this area, fire activity across the rest of Black Eagle was limited.

Today, the hot shot crew will continue their focus just north of Black Eagle Mine to minimize any potential fire spread and ensure the fire remains contained within its perimeter. They will work to extinguish any visible flames, and create fireline where necessary. Additionally, the crew will establish a spike camp at Yellow Jacket Guard Station, significantly increasing the hours they can work in the area.

### WEATHER:

Today, the weather will be much drier and warmer compared to yesterday. There will be mostly sunny skies, which will help boost afternoon temperatures into the upper 50s and drive the minimum RH levels down into the 40-45% range.



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### FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Today, there will be an incremental increase in fire behavior, a trend that will continue over the next few days due to the weather slowly warming and drying. The effects of the precipitation that the fire areas received, coupled with the high humidity levels for the last few days, will still limit overall fire activity, with only smoldering and creeping fire behavior expected to be seen.

### FOREST CLOSURES:

Forest Closure Order 04-13-24-017 remains in place. Closure order 04-13-24-019 has been rescinded, and Forest Closure Order 04-13-24-020 is now in place. The Salmon-Challis National Forest has reduced the Black Eagle Fire Closure. The explanation of closure order #04-13-24-020 is as follows:

#### Described Roads

NFS lands, roads and trails on the Salmon-Cobalt, and North Fork Ranger Districts of the Salmon-Challis National Forest within the area bounded by the following:

Beginning at the intersection of FS Road 112 and 055 (Panther Creek Rd) to the intersection of FS Road 112 and 113. Then following FS Road 113 to its intersection with trail 029 (FS Roads 112 and 113 are closed to the public). Then following the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Boundary to the Golden Trout Lake Trailhead, including the Big Horn Crags Campground and crossing over into the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and onto the ridge to the West of Wilson Creek, then going South to Middle Fork Peak. From Middle Fork Peak to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Boundary to trail 053 then running along Little Jacket Creek to Trail 051, then following Trail 051 to Birdseye Creek to Forest Road 245 at its intersection with Panther Creek road 55. Then following the western side of FS Road 55 (Panther Creek), to the intersection of FS Road 55 and 112.

The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety during the Black Eagle/Red Rock Fire. This Order shall be in effect from September 17, 2024, at 8:00 am until rescinded.

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

### EVACUATIONS:

Lemhi County has made changes in the evacuation zone statuses. The changes are as follows:

- ZONE 1- WILL REMAIN IN "GO" STATUS
  - Yellowjacket drainage
- ZONE 2- HAS BEEN RESCINDED
- ZONE 3- WILL REMAIN IN "READY" STATUS
  - Zone 3: Forney to road #252 to road #103 and back to Moyer
- ZONE 4- WILL REMAIN IN "READY" STATUS
  - Zone 4: Silver Creek, Rams Creek, and Camas Creek from Hammer Creek to White Goat Creek.