



## Lava Fire Update

September 25, 2024

### Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

Jared Hohn, Incident Commander

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two assumed command of the Lava Fire at 6 a.m. today.

#### Current Situation:

- The Lava Fire is 67% contained at 97,773 acres, with 660 personnel assigned.
- Suppression repair is and continues to be planned around the fire to mitigate future erosion and repair damage caused by firefighting efforts.
- Divisions Kilo and November remain in mop-up and patrol status. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), also known as drones, continue to monitor the area to identify hot spots.
- In Division Uniform, crews continue to mop-up around the slope that extended over the 653 road.
- In Division Foxtrot in the Anderson Creek Drainage, the Sawtooth Hotshots are putting in fire line to secure the uncontained fire edge and reduce the risk of the fire making a run to the northeast.

**Weather:** While yesterday was sunny, with minimal wind, and relative humidity around 30%; today, it is anticipated to be hotter, dryer, windier. Today will likely be the hottest, driest, and windiest day since the precipitation last week. Temperatures are expected to be in the 70s with 20 mph winds and relative humidity decreasing to around 23%. There are no anticipated thunderstorms or erratic weather for today into tomorrow.

**Evacuations:** A Level 1 "READY" notice remains for residents south of South Grays Creek, along Little Weiser River Road in Indian Valley, North of South Grays Creek Road to Highway 95, and the Mesa Area. Valley County Sheriff's Office has removed Zones 2 & 3 from LEVEL 1 "READY" status. Zones 4 – 6 remain in a LEVEL 1 "READY" Evacuation notice.

**Closures:** The Boise and Payette National Forests implemented a joint Lava Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure for public and firefighter safety. The southern portion of this closure area follows roads 601 (which remains closed) and 644 (which remains open). The northern boundary follows a portion of the Payette National Forest's Road 186 (open) and crosses over to the Boise National Forest just south of trail 116. Snowbank Road (446) and Sage Hen Reservoir area remain closed, French Creek Campground remains open. This closure adjustment remains in effect since September 19, 2024.

Gem County Road and Bridge issued the following road closures: Third Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, Second Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, and Nesbitt Lane. The Sweet-Ola Highway is closed at the High Valley intersection in Ola. Please be advised that the Gem County Sheriff's Office is staffing the road closure check points.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** A temporary flight restriction (TFR) has been updated. View a map of the TFR and details at [https://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_4\\_8199.html](https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_8199.html). Fire aviation response is halted or delayed if an unauthorized aircraft enters the TFR. Temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems or drones. If you fly, we can't! Learn more about how to use drones safely and responsibly at [Home - Know Before You Fly](#).

**Fire Info Phone:** 208-708-5003 **Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Email:** [2024.Lava@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.Lava@firenet.gov) .  
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