



Lava Fire Update

September 27, 2024

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

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Curent Situation:

- The Lava Fire is 68% contained at 97,669 acres, with 452 personnel assigned. Acreage is down due to more accurate mapping.
- On the east side of the fire, Idaho City Hotshots constructed handline from Snowbank Mountain to Gabe Peak. That portion accounted for the 1% increase in containment in rough country.
- Hand crews also constructed hand line up the Willow Creek drainage yesterday and were able to secure the uncontrolled fire edge.
- Firefighters scouted the area today west of God's Acres and found pockets of heat. Crews plan on going direct in that area tomorrow. A 3-acre spot fire was discovered in the Hurd Creek area. The Fulton Hotshots will be inserted there today to go direct on the fire.
- Several spot fires outside the Lava Fire perimeter were discovered near Forest Road 653 yesterday and crews will be working on containing them with hand line today.

Weather: Cooler temperatures and higher humidity were prevalent on Thursday. Sunny, warmer, and dryer air will move into the area today. Saturday is forecast to be the warmest and dryest since the fire was active. A cold front is expected to pass over the fire area. Little or no moisture is expected. Temperatures are expected to drop back to seasonal, but will remain dry.

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: Closures: The Boise and Payette National Forests implemented a joint Lava Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure for public and firefighter safety. For more information see Payette National Forest closures or Boise National Forest closures.

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.

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. 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](#).

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