



Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires Incident Update Date: September 14, 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>



Our primary mission on the Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires is to serve the public with dedication and compassion. With your safety and the safety of our firefighters in mind, we are committed to addressing the needs and concerns of your communities by managing and controlling the fires to keep your forests, and natural areas safe and enjoyable. Using safe and aggressive firefighting suppression methods our goal is to help you return to enjoying the outdoors.

Red Rock: Start date Septmber 2, 2024, caused by lightening. Located approximately two miles east of Yellowjacket Guard Station on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District.

The latest estimate for the fire's size remains 2,570 acres, with 0% containment. Yesterday, firefighters made progress by clearing additional roads, which allowed them to get closer to the fire and more effectively attack the northern edge. Today, they will use both direct and indirect strategies to fully suppress the fire on the north, west, and east sides. They will also begin assessing the southern edge to determine how far the fire has spread and what resources are needed in that area.

Structure protection crews continued their efforts by assessing and implementing protection plans made good progress along the Panther Creek Corridor yesterday. In addition, they installed two water tanks that helicopters may use to fill buckets which can then be dropped on fire areas. Today, these crews will expand their efforts further along the eastern portion of the Panther Creek Corridor.

Black Eagle: Start date August 5, caused by lightening. Located about 12 miles west of Forney on the North Fork Ranger District within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

The latest estimate of the fire's size is 5,914 acres, with 0% containment. Yesterday, fire crews completed their structure protection plans at Bighorn Crags Camp. With improved weather conditions aerial surveys were conducted, confirming snow on the ground is helping to keep the fire in its current footprint. Today, firefighters to the east of the fire are ready to deploy sprinklers and hoses in the Yellowjacket community, Bighorn Crags Camp, and the Black Eagle Mine area as needed. Incident management will continue to monitor the fire's behavior on the western edge.

WEATHER:

Today we expect increasingly warm, dry weather, with temperatures in the low 60's and humidity as low as 23%. Winds will be blowing out of the SW at around 15 mph, with gusts up to 26 mph. Cooler, wetter weather is expected to return to the area as early as Sunday evening.



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FOREST CLOSURE:

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 Blackbird creek with Panther Creek, following Blackbird creek to Blackbird mountain, then following FS Road 33 to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness boundary, and following the 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 Panther Creek Road until it reaches Blackbird Creek.
- Additionally, the McDonald Creek Campground and all associated roads are closed.

For the latest information on area closures, please contact the North Fork Ranger District at (208) 865-2700. Details on the Black Eagle Fire can also be found on InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-black-eagle-fire>.

The forest is asking visitors to be aware of the fire danger for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Ensure your campfire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave! One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire. Since June 1, Forest employees have found and extinguished at least 13 abandoned campfires.

EVACUATIONS:

Lemhi County: Evacuation order and warnings remain in effect. For more information, please go to: <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/site-home/news/black-eagle-and-red-rock-fire-update>

SMOKE REPORT:

For more information about drift and air quality, go to AirNow.gov <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/d60d6285>.

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