

# Nevada Type 3-Incident Management Team #1



## Lava Fire News Release

Sunday, October 20, 2024

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Aerial Support	Heavy Equipment	Engines	Crews	Total Personnel
09/02/2024	Lightning	97,585	97%	1	4	12	8	189

**CURRENT STATUS** – Nevada Team One will transition command of the Lava Fire to local fire management officials from the Boise National Forest and the Payette National Forest on Sunday at 8 pm.

Suppression repair operations utilizing heavy equipment have been completed. Under the direction of resource advisors, repair to handlines, culverts and fences as well as seeding of bulldozer lines is ongoing. Firefighters are patrolling the fire perimeter, extinguishing hot spots within containment lines where it is safe to do so. Crews are retrieving and backhauling pumps, hose and equipment where work has been completed.

Recent precipitation has made several roads in the fire area difficult to travel. Fire and flood-damaged roads and bridges will be repaired as the weather permits. Closed areas of the forests will re-open as soon as it is safe for motorists and visitors in the fire area. Burned areas present many hazards and the public is asked to exercise caution when closed areas are re-opened.

Isolated smoke within the fire perimeter may be visible in the coming months until there is significant snowfall.

The Cascade Ranger District is issuing free wood-cutting permits to the public. Please contact the Cascade Ranger District for more information at (208) 382-7400.

**WEATHER** – Mostly clear skies and slightly warmer temperatures are forecast through the operational period today. Cloud cover will move in over the fire area tonight ahead of a cold front bringing light rain on Monday.

**CLOSURES** – The Boise and Payette National Forests adjusted the Lava Fire area closures on September 30, increasing access for the public to areas north and south of the fire perimeter. Fire managers are working closely with local residents to help them access their properties and cattle within closed areas. The public is asked to respect these closure orders for their safety and the safety of firefighters and equipment working in these areas. For updated map and closure information please visit [Closure areas | Boise National Forest | Facebook](#).

**Road Closures** - Updated Gem County closure information is available at [Gem County Sheriff's Office](#).

**Evacuations**- In Gem County, 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. Learn more at [Gem County Sheriff's Office](#). In Valley County, Zones 4 – 6 remain in a LEVEL 1 “READY” status. Learn more at [Valley County Sheriff's Office](#).