

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Valley Fire Details

Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho

Reported: October 4, 2024 **Cause:** Under investigation

Acres: 9,892 Containment: 66% Personnel: 208

Fuels: Timber and short grass

Incident Updates

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https://www.facebook.com/ldahoDepartmentofLands

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information/idids-2024-valley-fire

Incident Activity: Crews gained ground on the Valley Fire thanks to light winds that favored firefighting efforts Tuesday. Crews remain focused on the most active area of the fire in the north and northeast portion where the fire is burning in timber with smoke visible in the Robie Creek community. Dozers continue to work on indirect containment line today while hotshot crews further establish direct line close to the fire edge. Extinguishing hot spots and securing the fire edge is a priority as strong winds are anticipated. Fire containment has been successful on the south and west portions of the fire visible from Boise. Those areas remain carefully monitored. The fire is under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Lands and is a full fire suppression effort.

Weather: Wind gusts could reach around 20 miles per hour over the Valley Fire Wednesday and could impact fire behavior. Temperatures continue to be near 80 and fire fuels remain very dry and receptive to fire. Rain is not expected until next week.

Evacuations and Closures: No primary residences have been lost. The Robie Creek area is still in a "Ready" or Stage 1 evacuation status. Visit https://www.facebook.com/boisecountysheriff for updates. There is a Boise National Forest Valley Fire Area, Road and Trail Closure. Visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices or contact the Mountain Home Ranger District at 208-587-7961. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has an interactive map that shows trails impacted by the Valley Fire. Visit https://arcg.is/10maj91

Valley Fire Overview: The fire was reported Friday, October 4, 2024, about 1 mile east of Boise on the north side of Idaho State Highway 21. The fire was very visible from East Boise as it burned in mostly grassy fuels in the Boise Foothills. Quick work on initial attack stopped the fire from reaching nearby homes. The Bureau of Land Management, Boise District, along with the Boise Fire Department and other local agencies led initial firefighting efforts. Resources include hotshot crews, engines, dozers, and aerial resources. No injuries have been reported.

Safety Message:

- Avoid burning during windy conditions. Wind can cause embers to spread quickly, igniting dry vegetation.
- Wind increases the risk of fire-damaged trees falling. Please avoid fire-impacted areas when recreating. Public and firefighter safety are the top priorities.
- **Honor closure areas.** Closures are carefully considered due to fire damage, erosion, or firefighting activities.