



2024 Valley Fire Update

Thursday, October 10, 2024

<p>Valley Fire Details Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho Reported: October 4, 2024 Cause: Under investigation Acres: 9,904 Containment: 66% Personnel: 208 Fuels: Timber and short grass</p>	<p>Incident Updates Management: Nevada Team 2 Type 3 Team Contact: Robbie Johnson Cell: 208-908-1786 Email: rjohnson@idl.idaho.gov Incident Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-valley-fire</p>
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Incident Activity: Weather conditions were more favorable than expected Wednesday with steady wind that assisted firefighting efforts. There was an increase in fire activity and smoke in pockets of timber a safe distance from the community of Robie Creek. Helicopters were used to make continuous water drops to secure containment lines and support ground crews. Crews remain focused on the most active area of the fire in the north and northeast portion where the fire is closest to the Robie Creek community. Today crews will again be addressing burning timber near containment lines in the area. 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: Cooler temperatures with highs in the mid-70s in the Valley Fire area. West-moving winds could reach about 8 mph in the afternoon. No rain is in the forecast this week, but humidity levels are increasing which benefits firefighting efforts.

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-notice> 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>. For the safety of the public and the efficiency of firefighting crews, all roads and trails on the Boise Front segment of the Boise River WMA west of Highway 21 and north of Warm Springs Avenue are closed to all entry until further notice. This closure also extends to all travel off roads and trails. Visit <https://idfg.idaho.gov/article/portion-boise-river-wmas-boise-front-segment-closed-all-entry-due-valley-fire>.

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.

Recreation Safety: Valley Fire crews and equipment are using Hwy 21 and other area roads as part of firefighting efforts. The highway is open and not threatened by the Valley Fire, but please use caution. Hunting season, recreation opportunities outside of closure areas, and a three-day weekend for many is expected to increase public use of roads and trail systems. Please honor closures and be aware that fire damage to the landscape poses safety risks such as damaged trees and loose soil.