



2024 Valley Fire Update

Friday, October 11, 2024

Valley Fire Details Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho Reported: October 4, 2024 Cause: Under investigation Acres: 9,904 Containment: 74% Personnel: 162 Fuels: Timber and short grass	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
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Incident Activity: Containment grew thanks to hard work by firefighters on the ground strengthening containment lines on the fire edge. Crews were assisted by helicopter water drops from Lucky Peak Reservoir. A new incident map shows containment around most of the fire except on the northeast portion where the fire is burning in steep timber. Fire activity is still a safe distance from the community of Robie Creek. Crews remain in the south and west portions of the fire visible from Boise monitoring the area and extinguishing any remaining hot spots. The fire is under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Lands and is a full fire suppression effort. No injuries have been reported.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory: Fuels, such as grasses and timber, are back to critically dry conditions in the Great Basin, with record-level dry conditions in many cases. Extreme Fire Behavior is observed on existing fires as well as new and emerging fires.

Weather: Dry conditions continue with highs averaging 70 degrees in the Valley Fire area. Winds will be around 8 mph with gusts up to 16 mph.

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.

Safety Message: Dry and windy conditions increase the chance of new fires or fire growth. Please honor closures and be aware of fire activity. Hwy 21 is open and not threatened by the Valley Fire, but please use caution. There is signage indicating fire traffic areas. 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 be aware that fire damage to the landscape poses safety risks such as damaged trees and loose soil.