



2024 Valley Fire Update

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

<p>Valley Fire Details Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho Reported: October 4, 2024 Cause: Under investigation Acres: 9,904 Containment: 79% Personnel: 172 Fuels: Timber, brush 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: There are still hot spots on the north/northeast portion of the fire closest to Robie Creek. Helicopter water drops Monday helped ground crews address areas of remaining burning fuels. Crews continue with mop up and are monitoring containment lines. Fire activity remains a safe distance from the community. Crews continue to monitor the south and west portions of the fire burn area visible from Boise.

Repair of Fire Suppression Activity: Crews are shifting from fire suppression to suppression repair. There are 22 miles of dozer line that were put in place to prevent the Valley Fire from reaching homes near the Boise Foothills as well as handline built by firefighters on the ground. Suppression repair includes using excavators to bring containment lines back to a more natural ground surface that is ready for vegetation regrowth. About 2 miles have been completed so far.

No Fly Zone: Helicopter water drops may still be needed for the Valley Fire. Please remember, flying drones in the fire area is NOT ALLOWED. Drones pose a safety risk for firefighting aircraft and medical rescues that require an airlift.

Recreation Message: The public is asked to be aware of closures prior to being in the area and honor closures. Closures are in place for public safety. Even if there is no visible fire activity, there could be hot spots, damaged trees that could fall, fire traffic on narrow dirt roads, and other safety concerns.

Closures and Evacuation Status: 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>. 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>. The Robie Creek area is still in a "Ready" or Stage 1 evacuation status. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/boisecountysheriff> for updates.

Weather: Warmer today with highs averaging 75 degrees in the Valley Fire area. Winds will be at 8 mph potentially reaching 12 mph in the afternoon.

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. No injuries have been reported or primary residences lost. The current fire cost estimate is \$3 million.

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