



2024 Valley Fire Update

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

<p>Valley Fire Details Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho Reported: October 4, 2024 Cause: Under investigation Acres: 9,904 Containment: 90% Personnel: 185 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: Fire crews and aircraft continue to focus on hot spots on the north/northeast portion of the fire closest to Robie Creek. This hard work has resulted in the lifting of the “Ready” evacuation status for the Robie Creek community and a boost to 90% containment. Rain in the forecast for this afternoon could impact suppression repair work due to potentially muddy conditions.

Repair of Fire Suppression Activity: Crews are shifting from fire suppression to suppression repair. There are now 33 miles of dozer line identified that were put in place to prevent the Valley Fire from reaching homes near the Boise Foothills, as well as handline built by firefighters. Suppression repair includes using excavators to bring containment lines back to a more natural ground surface that is ready for vegetation regrowth. Several miles of progress have been made.

Closures Still in Effect for Public and Firefighter Safety: All roads and trails on the Boise Front segment of the Boise River WMA west of Highway 21 and north of Warm Springs Avenue remain closed to all entry until further notice. This closure also extends to all travel off roads and trails. The public is asked to please honor closure signs at trailheads even if fire activity is not visible. Members of the public have been recreating in closed areas near the Harris Ranch community. This poses a safety risk to the public and fire crews. Fire operations including the use of heavy equipment are ongoing with a focus on the repair of containment line to a more natural state with erosion control. Please refer to the Idaho Fish and Game Boise River Wildlife Management Area Map for reference at: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/article/portion-boise-river-wmas-boise-front-segment-closed-all-entry-due-valley-fire>. Specifics on closed trails can be found on Idaho Parks and Recreation’s Interactive Trail Map: <https://arcg.is/10maj91>

Closure Order Lifted: The Boise National Forest Valley Fire Area closure was lifted October 15.

Evacuation Status Change: The Robie Creek community is released from evacuation readiness. There are no further areas in Boise County that are under evacuation readiness recommendations.

No Fly Zone: 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.

Weather: Rain is expected in the afternoon. High temperatures will average 60 degrees in the Valley Fire area.

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 \$3.3 million.