



2024 Valley Fire Update

Friday, October 18, 2024

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| <p>Valley Fire Details Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho Reported: October 4, 2024 Cause: Under investigation Acres: 9,904 Containment: 90% Personnel: 208 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 continue to be located at the Valley Fire Incident Command/Fire Camp sleeping in tents and continue to get an early start with overnight temperatures below freezing. Rapid progress is being made on repairing the impacts of firefighting. All efforts are now going to suppression repair thanks to success in addressing hot spots near the Robie Creek area and securing containment lines. Some smoke is still visible in the fire interior but is not a threat to containment. There are 33 miles of dozer line as well as hand line that crews are working to restore to a more natural state. More than a dozen miles are completed with some locations already seeded for regrowth. Please honor trail closures for firefighter and public safety. Crews and heavy equipment are active in the fire area.

Video Tour of Valley Fire Damage in Boise Foothills: View and download video from an ATV ride that shows the extent of damage from the Valley Fire and get a panoramic view from the top. Dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mnld8gfudu1o4yemfbtkq/Video-Tour-of-Valley-Fire-Damage-101624-by-Robbie-Johnson.mov?rlkey=y64v6g7h96muzjhhtvhvb23n8&st=met9fy3q&dl=0>. Use the QR code to access all official Valley Fire videos and images.

Closures Remain 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. This poses a safety risk to the public and fire crews. Fire operations including the use of heavy equipment are ongoing. 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 the Idaho Parks and Recreation Interactive Trail Map: <https://arcg.is/10maj91>

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

Weather: Continued lower temperatures in the Valley Fire area with highs averaging in the mid-50s with minimal precipitation.

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 current fire cost estimate is \$3.9 million.