



2024 Valley Fire Update

Sunday, October 20, 2024

<p>Valley Fire Details</p> <p>Location: 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho</p> <p>Reported: October 4, 2024</p> <p>Cause: Under investigation</p> <p>Acres: 9,904</p> <p>Containment: 95%</p> <p>Personnel: 159</p> <p>Fuels: Timber, brush and short grass</p>	<p>Incident Updates</p> <p>Management: Nevada Team 2 Type 3 Team</p> <p>Contact: Robbie Johnson Cell: 208-908-1786</p> <p>Email: rjohnson@idl.idaho.gov</p> <p>Incident Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands</p> <p>InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-valley-fire</p>
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Incident Activity: Containment has reached 95%. There may still be smoke visible from inside the fire perimeter in areas of timber but this is to be expected. These smokes are isolated and not a threat to fire growth or containment. Suppression repair work Saturday covered a lot of ground with 90% of the 33 miles of dozer and handline created to contain the Valley Fire now repaired to a more natural state ready for regrowth. The seeding of these areas will be the focus of today’s work by firefighters. Repair and seeding work should be near completion Monday. The process of turning back the remaining fire management work to the Idaho Department of Lands is underway. Equipment is being removed from the fire area and crews are being released from the Valley Fire as work by Nevada Team 2/Type 3 Incident Management Team nears completion.

Suppression Repair Video: Repair work reached one of the steepest portions of containment line which is located behind Northeast Boise homes. Watch as an excavator carefully moves uphill and works the ground into a more natural state on October 19. Erosion control is part of the repair work. Video by Robbie Johnson, Nevada Team 2. Download video for media and public use: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/d7xqijx664uf9avlrni11/Repair-on-steep-hill-behind-homes-Oct-19-2024-6-18-38-PM.mov?rlkey=6nwjpk3roohkg54ws9od368os&st=oe2z125f&dl=0>

Trail Closures in Valley Fire Area: A big thanks goes to the public for honoring trail closure signs. Please remember that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has closed all roads and trails on the Boise Front segment of the Boise River Wildlife Management Area west of Highway 21 and north of Warm Springs Avenue. This closure covers all entry until further notice and extends to all travel off roads and trails. Please refer to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Boise River Wildlife Management Area Closure information webpage for maps and details: <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 Department of Parks and Recreation Interactive Trail Map: <https://arcg.is/10maj91>

Weather: High temperatures are about 5 degrees warmer than normal in the Valley Fire area with a high of about 60 degrees on average with sun, some clouds and dry conditions.

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 \$4.5 million. The fire is under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Lands with a full suppression management strategy.