



# Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires Incident Update Date: October 5, 2024



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**Fire Information:** 208 389 4709

**Hours:** 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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**Website:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

**Incident Websites:**

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-black-eagle-fire>

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-red-rock-fire>



**FIRE ACTIVITY:**

Both the Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires experienced extreme fire behavior with subsequent massive fire growth to the northeast. With wind gusts estimated in excess of 60 mph, the two fires have merged and are at a combined size of an estimated 50,000 acres.

Lemhi County Sherrif's Office issued several evacuation notices and assisted with evacuations ahead of the fire for the areas of Panther Creek, Forney, Moyer, Cobalt, Blackbird, and Leesburg. Damage to any structures in these areas is still being assessed. Areas along the US-93 corridor between Elk Bend and Salmon were also placed in a "Ready" status as the eastern edge of the fire has made it roughly two-thirds of the way to Highway 93.

All divisions of the fire are eager to reenage where safe to do so and reasses which containment lines are still valid after yesterday's wind event.

**Please stay out of the area.** There are multiple roads and bridges that have been destroyed or are impassable. An updated list of road and area closures will be posted as soon as possible. Furthermore, the forest closure notice will most likely be expanded and include additional road, trail, and area closures.

**WEATHER:**

High pressure builds into the area behind yesterday's system and will bring cooler temperatures and lighter westerly winds. The high pressure will remain over the area through the weekend resulting in seasonable temperatures and moderate humidity readings near 20% in the afternoon. Winds should remain light with no precipitation forecasted for the next 5 days.

**FIRE BEHAVIOR:**

Fire behavior will moderate after the frontal passage yesterday with decent humidity recoveries and lighter winds. Fuels are still available with heavy dead and down components and remain most problematic for firefighters. Areas where humidities fall below 25% with gusty afternoon winds can experience increased activity, including short-range spotting. Opportunities to attack the fire directly will likely be confined to morning hours and when effective water support is available. Fire will continue to grow with wind and up slopes/drainages.

**FOREST CLOSURES:** For forest closure information please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notices>

**EVACUATIONS:** For evacuation information in Lemhi County regarding these fires please go to: [Emergency Management Department | Lemhi County, ID \(lemhicountyidaho.org\)](https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org).