



Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires Incident Update Date: October 6, 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>



RED ROCK AND BLACK EAGLE FIRES HAVE MERGED AND ARE NOW THE RED ROCK FIRE

FIRE ACTIVITY:

Fire Size: 52,729 acres

Containment: 5%

Both the Red Rock and Black Eagle Fires experienced extreme fire behavior on October 4, 2024, and grew exponentially to the northeast, merging together just north of Yellowjacket. The combined fire is now known as the Red Rock Fire.

Fire crews have reorganized around the new fire footprint and are engaging where safe to do so. New divisions have been created around the new fire perimeter and resources are being assigned to these new divisions to try and limit further spread. Much of the pre-existing containment line to the south and west held through the wind event and is being used as anchor points for crews to build from. Heavy helicopter support across the fire is slowing fire progression and allowing crews to directly engage the fire's edge.

Lemhi County Sheriff's Office is enforcing several evacuation notices for the areas of Panther Creek, Forney, Moyer, Cobalt, Blackbird, and Leesburg. Damage to any structures in these areas is still being assessed. If any structures are identified that have been damaged or destroyed, Lemhi county officials from either the Sheriff's Office or the Emergency Management Services Office will notify property owners.

Please stay out of the area. There are multiple roads and bridges that have been destroyed or are impassable. Entry into evacuation zones that are in "Go" status is prohibited. The updated forest closure notice that encompasses both the Red Rock Fire and Garden Fire areas includes multiple road and area closures. Barricade closures will be posted at road intersections and forest boundaries.

WEATHER:

High pressure builds into the area behind Friday'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-



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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: The forest closure order was updated and expanded October 5, 2024. For forest closure information please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notice>

EVACUATIONS:

Go evacuation orders are currently in place for Zones 1 through 5. Ready evacuation notice in place for US-93 corridor from Williams Creek to Elk Bend (Zone 6).

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