



Red Rock Fire Incident Update Date: October 8, 2024

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Fire Information: 208 389 4709

Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Email: 2024.redrock@firenet.gov

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

Incident Website:

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



FIRE ACTIVITY:

Fire Size: 57,893 acres
Containment: 15%

Today is the last day for Nevada Team 5 as the incident management team on the Red Rock Fire. Tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. command of the fire will transfer to Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 3.

Active fire behavior continues in the fire area, including group torching and short crown runs in drainages that were in alignment with west-southwest winds. Crews have been reinserted and are engaged in direct perimeter control, focused on point protection. The fire is in a full suppression and point protection strategy, utilizing a mix of tactics including direct and indirect attack. Firefighters are engaging the fire directly when the probability of success is high and commensurate with the values at risk.

Lemhi County Sheriff's Office is enforcing several evacuation notices for the areas of Panther Creek, Forney, Moyer, Cobalt, Blackbird, and Leesburg. Crews are coordinating with the county to assess damage in the fire area. 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 fire area. There is still active fire behavior in the fire area, including group torching and crown runs. 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:

Last night was another clear night with the inversion developing and trapping smoke over the fire area. Humidity recovery will be generally poor with maximum morning humidity around 35%. A warmer day is on tap for Tuesday with temperatures in the mid-60s and continued humidity in the upper teens to around 20%. Winds will increase Tuesday with southwest winds 6-10 mph with gusts 17-24 mph. More instability on Tuesday should result in an earlier lifting of the inversion, helping to mix out the smoke in the valleys, but increasing fire behavior.

FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Fire behavior continues to moderate with decent overnight 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.



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SMOKE REPORT: No smoke report is being produced for the Red Rock Fire area at the time. For smoke information, please go to: <https://fire.airnow.gov/> or <https://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/home/map>.

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).

If the fire becomes established on the east side of the Ridge Road, Williams Lake and the west side of the Salmon River will advance to evacuation level Set.

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).