



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – KEN WATKINS – INCIDENT COMMANDER



Red Flag Warning today Daily Update: October 9, 2024

Acres: 62,431

Location: 15 Miles west of Salmon, ID

Personnel: 397

Start Date: September 2, 2024

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 15%

Resources: 7 crews | 19 engines | 3 helicopters | 2 bulldozers | 4 Water Tenders

Highlights: Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 3 led by Incident Commander, Ken Watkins, assumed command of the Red Rock Fire this morning at 7 a.m.

Operations: Yesterday was another day of assessment and planning after high winds from a few days ago spread fire in multiple directions. Crews continued to remove dead trees along 112 road. Sprinkler systems were being installed around structures near Cobalt and other communities. Dozer line along the 055 road was completed.

Today, gusty winds are expected with red flag conditions. Firefighters are looking at options to hold the east side of the fire on the 020 road. Structure protection efforts will continue on the north and south sides of the fire and crews are working to construct both direct containment line on along the fire's edge as well as indirect line with hand tools and dozers. Heavy air tankers will work with ground crews to lay retardant lines to reinforce the protection of the fire camp in Yellowjacket Campground.

Weather: A weak disturbance is moving through the ridge beginning today and tomorrow which is forecast to bring an increase in southwest winds to the area. Conditions continue to remain warm and dry with high temperatures today in the mid-60s and humidity around 20%. Conditions will continue to be warm and dry on Wednesday with high temperatures again in the mid-60s and humidity 15% to 18%. As a result of the low humidity and gusty winds, a Red Flag Warning is in effect for the Red Rock Fire and Fire Weather Zone ID475 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

Smoke: 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>.

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).

Safety: **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.

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

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Links to further information can be found at the QR code or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

