

Southwest Area Incident Management Team





TEAM 3 – KEN WATKINS – INCIDENT COMMANDER

New start – Napias Fire Daily Update: October 10, 2024

Acres: 68,472 Start Date: September 2, 2024

Location: 15 Miles west of Salmon, ID **Personnel**: 512 **Cause**: Lightning **Containment**: 19%

Resources: 13 crews | 23 engines | 4 helicopters | 3 bulldozers | 6 Water Tenders

Highlights: A new fire was detected northeast of the Red Rock Fire, fire behavior is anticipated to moderate today.

Operations: Red flag conditions yesterday continued to challenge firefighters. While there continued to be little fire growth on the west side in the Wilderness, other areas of the fire remained active. On the north side engines continued providing point protection and installing watering systems around Colbalt. On the south end, dozer line was reinforced near Moyer. A new fire start was discovered northeast of the Red Rock Fire in Napias Creek. Firefighters and aircraft responded until increased winds made it too dangerous for aircraft to fly in the late afternoon. The fire was last estimated to be around 15 acres.

Today dozers and equipment will continue to scout containment line placement on the east side heading south. Crews will also be securing and improving lines in Fourth of July Creek on the south side. Engines will finish installing sprinkler systems in Colbalt and other areas on the north side. As aircraft is able, it will be used to address the new fire in Napias Creek.

Weather: A weak disturbance is moved through ridge that has been over the fire bringing an increase in the gusty winds today. The afternoon winds at Ridge Rock Peak were southwest 10 to 13 mph with gusts 24 mph to 30 pmh. Temperatures again climbed to the mid-60s, and the humidity dipped down below 20%. The system will bring in more clouds and Thursday looks to be one of the first mostly cloudy days so far this month. No precipitation in anticipated with this system as it makes it way through the area this weekend. Thursday look to be cooler with highs in the upper 50s and humidity in the 30-38% range. Winds are predicted to be out of the southwest at 8 mph with gusts to 19 mph.

Smoke: For smoke information, please go to: https://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/home/map, or https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/ded7837a?

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-notices

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: <u>Emergency Management Department |</u> Lemhi County, ID (lemhicountyidaho.org).

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

