



Lava Fire Update

October 2, 2024

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

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Current Situation:

- The Lava Fire is 86% contained at 97,625 acres, with 526 personnel assigned.
- In areas with remaining heat, the fire will continue to smolder and creep with minimal intensity.
- Interior pockets of unburned fuel are slowly being consumed by the fire without risk to containment, creating visible smoke columns. This smoke will be present until a season-ending weather event.
- Crews are continuing to remove unneeded pumps, hoses, and other equipment from the southeast corner and western flank of the fire to return to the cache.
- Firefighters, including two Interagency Hotshot Crews, are still working through steep terrain to secure hotspots on the east and northeast side of the fire, using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to identify heat.
- Near Anderson Creek on the northern edge of the fire, and on Forest Road 653 on the southern edge of the fire, firefighters are monitoring line with the help of UAS to ensure no heat remains.

Weather: Warm and dry conditions will continue to persist throughout this week, with higher temperatures and a mild increase in relative humidity. Today, a wind shift will occur later in the day. There will be a modest increase in smoke, however increased fire intensity is not expected.

Evacuations: A Level 1 “READY” notice remains for residents south of South Grays Creek, along Little Weiser River Road in Indian Valley, North of South Grays Creek Road to Highway 95, and the Mesa Area.

https://www.gemcounty.org/departments_offices/latest_advisories_watch_warnings.php

Valley County Sheriff’s Office has removed Zones 2 & 3 from LEVEL 1 “READY” status. Zones 4 – 6 remain in a LEVEL 1 “READY” status. <https://www.co.valley.id.us/departments/Wildfire/WildfireEvacuation>

Closures: The Boise and Payette National Forests have adjusted the Lava Fire area closure yesterday, increasing access for the public to select areas north and south of the fire perimeter. For updated map and closure information see: [*CLOSURE AREAS... - U.S. Forest Service - Boise National Forest | Facebook](#).

Gem County Road and Bridge issued the following road closures: Third Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, Second Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, and Nesbitt Lane. Check out updated closure information at

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Temporary Flight Restrictions: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect. View a map of the TFR and details at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_8199.html. Fire aviation response is halted or delayed if unauthorized aircrafts, including drones, enter the TFR. If you fly, we can’t! Learn more about how to use drones safely and responsibly at [Home - Know Before You Fly](#).

Fire Info Phone: 208-780-5003 **Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Email:** 2024.Lava@firenet.gov

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