



## Lava Fire Update

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### Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

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**In the interior where heat remains, the fire will continue to smolder and creep within the fire perimeter with minimal intensity. Smoke will be present until winter snows fully extinguish remaining heat.**

#### Current Situation:

- The Lava Fire is 88% contained at 97,545 acres, with 470 personnel assigned. Change in acreage is due to more accurate ground-based mapping. A notable increase in containment is expected over the next several days near God's Acres and Willow Creek on the northeastern and eastern side of the fire.
- On the southeast side of the fire, power lines were energized. Crews removed brushy and woody material from roadsides. Supplies have been picked up and returned to the cache.
- Interior pockets of unburned fuel along the eastern side of the fire continue to be consumed by fire, creating visible smoke columns on the slopes above Lake Cascade. These smokes are not a threat to containment nor to adjacent communities.

**Weather:** Little overnight humidity recovery is expected, especially at higher elevations. Toward sunrise, south winds begin. Region-wide critical to extreme fire weather is forecast from noon to 9:00 p.m., bringing a combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity, and unstable atmospheric conditions. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. increasing clouds will help shade the fire, raise humidity, and bring the strongest winds of the day. Despite these conditions, fire growth is not predicted outside of the existing fire footprint. The slopes above Lake Cascade are holding moisture from numerous springs, the last rain event, and delivery of 170,000 gallons of water over the area by helicopter since September 25. With shorter daylight hours and lower angle sunlight, moist surface fuels do not easily carry fire. Low-angle sunlight casts shadow over smoke columns, making them appear ominous.

**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. Learn more at [Gem County Sheriff's Office](#). 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. Learn more at [Valley County Sheriff's Office](#).

**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 visit [Closure areas | Boise National Forest | Facebook](#).

Road Closures: Third Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, Second Fork Road at Nesbitt Lane, and Nesbitt Lane. Check out updated Gem County closure information at [Gem County Sheriff's Office](#).

**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](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](#).

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