



# Morning Update – Wapiti and Frog Fires

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**Special Emphasis:** Yesterday evening, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) #3 took command of the Wapiti and Frog Fires.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in the Stanley Basin is rated green today which indicates good air quality. You can check air quality and the AirNow Fire and Smoke Map at <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

With the changing of the closure areas, please ensure you check the boundaries prior to recreating or traveling. Many trails remain closed for public safety because they have not been cleared of potential hazards. The collection of firewood within the closure areas is prohibited; any firewood collection in open areas must be done with a valid firewood permit. For questions on firewood collection on the Sawtooth National Forest, please contact the Stanley Ranger Station at 208.774.3000.

**Weather:** Saturday's winds were much calmer in the afternoon, with gust around 10 -15 compared to Friday's gusts of 20 to 40 mph over the Wapiti Fire. Frog Fire also had calmer winds. Today temperatures will be in the high 60's and 70's with higher humidity.

Wapiti Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 125,965 acres Completion: 80% Total Personnel: 194 Location: near Grandjean, ID Reported: July 24, 2024 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wapitifireinfo2024">https://www.facebook.com/wapitifireinfo2024</a> Linktree: <a href="https://linktr.ee/WapitiFireInfo2024">https://linktr.ee/WapitiFireInfo2024</a>

**Current Situation:** Yesterday, fire crews and engines were spread throughout the fire area to monitor and patrol fire activity and implement suppression actions if needed to protect values. Saturday afternoon minimal fire behavior was observed as the fire was creeping and backing down areas well within the interior and some smoldering of heavy fuels on the ground.

Today crews will be working in several areas. The Iron Creek area is available to firewood collecting for those with a permit and exemption to be in that area. A group will be placed in the Grandjean area including an engine to remove hazardous trees and debris. They will also be working on a project to restore access to the Grandjean water system. Firefighters will also be removing snags and debris along the Hwy 21 corridor. Please be cautious while traveling along Hwy 21.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation status for Stanley Zone 1 is currently at READY. All residents should remain alert for any change in conditions that may reinitiate an evacuation status. Sign up for Custer County CodeRED emergency notifications: text CUSTER to 99411 or enroll at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF28E45537FF>. Sign up for Boise County Alert Sense emergency notifications at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?regionid=1163>.

For evacuation information on the Wapiti Fire, please see the Custer County Sheriff's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/p/Custer-County-Sheriff-Idaho-61558947312289/>, and the Boise County Sheriff's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/boisecountysheriff/>.

**Closures:** The Wapiti Fire area closure has been reduced on the southern end, excluding the Lowman, Ten Ax, Two Raven, and Sourdough communities. The closure still covers portions of the Sawtooth, Boise, and Salmon-Challis National Forests. Please reference the map and description at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idbof-wapiti-fire>. Recreationalists and hunters should reference this map and obey all posted signage regarding the closure area and any related road, trail, and campground closures.

An interactive map for all closures on the Boise National Forest is found at [https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/642380b0eb124c8cab6bd9ad3d7146ad/page/Overview/#data\\_s=id%3AdataSource\\_5-1888bd00a2c-layer-13-1888bd00b53-layer-16%3A82](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/642380b0eb124c8cab6bd9ad3d7146ad/page/Overview/#data_s=id%3AdataSource_5-1888bd00a2c-layer-13-1888bd00b53-layer-16%3A82).

Frog Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 3,114 acres Containment: 77% Total Personnel: 35 Location: east of Clayton, ID Reported: September 7, 2024 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idstf-frog</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest">https://www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest</a>

**Current Situation:** An infrared flight was flown over the Frog Fire last night. Crews will be verifying the containment lines and searching for the heat signature found in the Red Ridge area. Crews planned to recheck fire line on the north end of the fire.

**Evacuations:** There are currently no evacuations related to the Frog Fire.

**Closures:** The area closure in place around the Frog Fire includes FS 667 (Big Boulder Creek Road) and Trail 047 where adjacent to the closure boundary. The closure excludes FS Roads 669 and 670 and Trail 682. Hunters and recreationalists should familiarize themselves with this closure information prior to entering the vicinity. Please reference the map and read the full closure description at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idstf-frog>.