



Crooked Fire

Daily Update for September 3, 2026

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-crooked>

<https://www.facebook.com/BoiseNationalForest>

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: August 18, 2026

Cause: Under Investigation - Human Caused

Size: 9,956 acres

Containment: 25%

Location: 14 miles east of Idaho City, ID

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 601

Crews: 14

Helicopters: 8

Engines: 22

Heavy Equipment: 14

Current Situation: The most active burning on the Crooked Fire continues to be along its western edge, and the fire has advanced into German Creek. Great Basin Incident Management Team 3 is considering a burnout operation on the western side of German Creek to remove unburned fuels ahead of the advancing fire. This could occur this evening depending on weather conditions and fire behavior. The fire has not established across Rabbit Creek Road and continues to hold on the north and west sides, and crews are nearly finished with mastication work along the road. North of the fire, firefighters are evaluating the best place to build fire breaks to stop the fire's advance.

Safety: Public safety and firefighter safety remain top priorities. Fire crews continue to adapt operations as weather, fire behavior, terrain, access, and safety conditions change. Please avoid closed areas, observe all road closures, and keep roads clear for emergency vehicles and firefighting crews. Please drive slowly and be vigilant while navigating areas with heavy fire traffic.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The fire is slowly moving to the northwest in very steep and rugged terrain. Fire activity was moderated by rain and increased relative humidity. The forecast for the next several days continues to show lower temperatures and additional precipitation. Advancing storms can create erratic and unpredictable winds on the ground that can lead to increased fire behavior and growth.

Smoke: Smoke from the Crooked Fire has generally been pushed north and northeast but remains visible from higher elevations and a distance. Forecasted unsettled weather may shift smoke impacts depending on prevailing winds. See [Airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov) for more information.

Evacuations and Closures: There are no current evacuations in place. A Forest Closure Order remains in effect for trails, roads, and the area surrounding the perimeter of the fire to protect the public from hazards. For more detailed information, please see the Crooked Fire Closure order at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/boise/alerts/updated-aug-23-crooked-fire-area-road-and-trail-closure>.

Great Basin Incident Management Team 3

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