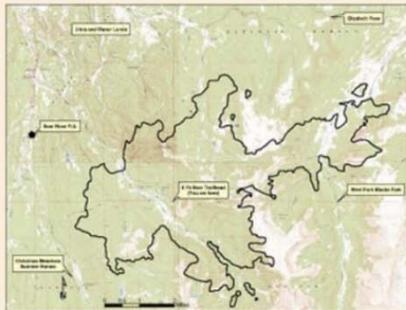


# East Fork Fire Interpretive Trail

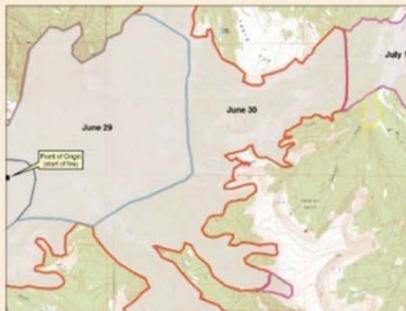
The East Fork Fire burned about 10,400 acres within a 14,200 acre fire perimeter. It started at mid-day on June 28, 2002. Driven by high wind and low fuel moisture and humidity, the fire spread from its point of origin in Boundary Creek to Brush Creek, a distance of over 8 miles within 3 days. The point of origin is about 2 miles west of this trailhead. Most of this activity occurred during the afternoons when wind speed was highest and humidity was lowest.

The fire started in the Boy Scout Camp and quickly spread to the west onto National Forest land, threatening the Christmas Meadows Summer Home Site. It then jumped the East Fork of the Bear River, spreading to the north and east, threatening the Manorland and Uintaland Subdivisions to the north, and the subdivisions around Meeks Cabin Reservoir to the northeast. Forest Service and inter-agency fire crews were able to protect most of the structures in the Boy Scout Camp and to contain the fire before it reached any structures in Christmas Meadows or the subdivisions. They were able to declare the fire fully contained on July 17 and began fire line rehabilitation later in the summer. Heavy lift helicopters with buckets and aerial retardant tankers were critical in containing portions of the fire threatening private property during the first days.



Final Fire Perimeter

A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) team was assembled on July 11, 2002, to assess fire damage and emergency treatment needs. Treatments, including soil stabilization, sediment control, and replacement of culverts, were implemented throughout the remainder of the summer. An intense thunderstorm in mid-July resulted in substantial erosion on some severely burned areas.



Fire Progression Map

## TAKING THE TOUR

This is a self-guided tour that has seven interpretive stops and makes a loop of about 1/4 mile. It starts to the left of this sign, loops around the ridge on the far side of the small meadow to the southwest of this sign, and returns to the right of this sign.



This photo, looking across the East Fork of the Bear River at the fire in lower Boundary Creek, was taken just a couple of hours after the fire started. Flame heights are about 150 feet. Go put it out!



Toilet Destroyed by the Fire



June 30 View of a Snag from the Trailhead



Helicopter Bucket



Boardwalk on East Fork Trail

## WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE TRAIL

The seven interpretive sites along the trail have vegetation and landscape photos taken on October 10, 2002. You will be able to see conditions now in comparison with 2002. The interpretive sites have descriptions of the effects of the fire on natural resources and of how recovery will occur over time.

## Please stay on the trail.

Walking off the trail would damage vegetation that is important for people enjoying the interpretive displays.



Remember: Only YOU can prevent forest fires!



Pickup and horse trailer caught by the fire at this trailhead