



Elevenmile Fire Update

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Challis, ID – A community meeting will take place tonight at the Challis Middle school auditorium at 5 p.m. Current fire activity, area and road closures and a transition plan will be discussed. All are invited to attend.

An infrared flight took place last night. This will help firefighters target hotspots along the fire's perimeter. The fire behavior analyst and operational field staff noted minimal fire behavior yesterday. Some heat remains, primarily in Twelvemile drainage where the fire is allowed to run its natural course towards the Wilderness boundary.

The fire, west of the Custer Motorway, near Mill Creek Summit, has islands of unburned riparian grass and brush intermixed with hotspots and snags. Large trees along with stumps and roots are expected to burn for a long time. Fire fighters will look for these pockets of heat along the fire's perimeter today.

The feller-buncher completed its work along the Custer Motorway yesterday. Today, crews will walk the heavy machinery out of the fire area and begin to limb and buck trees the feller-buncher placed along the roadway. To improve safe travel along the Motorway, fire crews will work to minimize potential hazards over the next several days. The fire significantly burned across the road in multiple locations. These areas, along with severely burned areas of the fire area, particularly in steep canyons, loosened rocks and created unstable soils, which could easily compromise the stability of the roadway.

Crews will patrol containment lines to ensure hot spots do not remain.

Weather: Warmer, dryer weather will continue which will slowly and steadily increase fire behavior.

Area/Trail Closures: An Emergency Area Closure remains in effect and will shrink when the fire is no longer a threat and fire traffic on roadways lightens. The closure area includes the following roads, campgrounds and all areas within to provide protection to forest visitors. The following roads are closed: Bayhorse Road (#40051); Trealar Creek Road, including the Squaw Creek Rd. (#40045); Custer Motor Way (#40070) at Five Mile Creek & Junction with Garden Creek Road (#400901); Kinnikinic Creek Road (#40053); Mill Creek Campground; Mosquito Flat Campground. Sleeping Deer Road (#40086) is OPEN

A trail closure remains in effect for the River of No Return Wilderness as a precautionary measure in the event the fire moves into the Wilderness. Warm Springs Trail (#4104) East Mayfield-Yankee Trail (#4114); Trapper Creek (# 4119) and Kerr Creek Trails are closed to provide public safety from wildland fire hazards associated with the fire.

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Location: 17 miles west of Challis

Start Date: August 24

Cause: Lightning

Contained: 48%

Size: 10,387 acres

Total Personnel: 555

Resources:

- Crews: 16
- Helicopters: 7
- Engines: 6