



DEER PARK FIRE UPDATE

Type 3 Team
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Current Status	The Deer Park fire is currently 860 acres. Handcrews are making progress with fire line construction on the west and south ends of the fire. High humidity and intermittent rainfall have helped slow fire growth. The fire continues to grow to the north and west along Beaver Creek. Spotting and torching was observed along the west flank yesterday. The fire is burning in heavy fuels containing bug-killed Douglas Fir, Subalpine fir, and Whitebark Pine. The fire is approximately 13 miles northwest of Fairfield, Idaho on the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest .
Estimated Acreage and expected containment	Estimated acreage is 860 acres. Containment is 40% and full containment is expected within the week.
Resources on the Fire	Crews: <u>10</u> Helicopters: <u>4</u> Engines: <u>0</u> Total Personnel: <u>250</u>
Cooperators	Cooperators include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the City of Fairfield.
Evacuations	No evacuations are in effect.
Closures and restrictions	A Trails and Area Closure Order is in affect for parts of the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest. Check with the Fairfield Ranger District at 208-764-3202 for specific locations. All trails leading to the Iron Mountain Lookout are currently closed, including the Kelley Creek ATV trail. The area and trail closures will remain in effect until further notice.
Incident plans for today	Crews will continue line construction on the east and north flanks of the fire. Helicopters will be used to support the firefighters.
Objectives for the day	Providing for the safety of fire fighting personnel and the public, keeping the fire from spreading to the north and west, protect Iron Mountain lookout and critical radio repeater from damage. Continue to protect bull trout spawning and rearing habitat, minimize impacts to recreation trails. Minimize fire suppression impacts to Whitebark pine stands.
Fire weather	Drier air is expected to move in from the south and west today. Thunderstorms and showers are predicted this afternoon over the fire area. Temperatures will be in the 70s with afternoon humidity in the 30s. Winds will be 2-5 increasing to 10 mph out of the southwest, with wind gusts of 40 mph around thunderstorms.
Community meetings	None are planned at this time.
Other Fire Information	Users are urged to use caution when traveling on area roads due to fire management vehicles and fire related activities. For further information regarding the fire, contact the Deer Park Fire Information office at 208-764-3471. For visitor information, contact the Fairfield Ranger District at 208-764-3202.