



Kidd's Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Beaver Creek Complex Morning Fire Update

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
7 August	Lightning	47,980 acres	0%	7	39	13	4	532

Yesterday, significant progress was made to secure southern portions of line on both fires which should be reflected in containment percentages tonight. Aircraft managers are considering moving the helibase from the Camas County Airport to a larger location that is away from the heavy traffic of the highway.

The National Weather Service cancelled the Red Flag Warning that was forecast for today due to the rise in moisture; however, the fires will remain active with humidity expected to drop to single digits this afternoon. Temperatures will rise slightly into the low-90's. Winds will primarily come from the south and southwest, but possible thunderstorms will bring gusty winds. The existing weather pattern will likely linger into mid-week with temperatures continuing to rise slightly.

MCCAN FIRE (23,860 ACRES) Yesterday, firefighters successfully conducted a 2-mile burnout that stretched from the intersection of the 1100 Road and Chimney Creek to the east. The burn out allowed managers to improve containment lines on the southern flank of the fire. In the northwest corner of the fire, the fire is moving towards a timber sale, where heavy slash on the ground may become problematic. On the northern perimeter, the fire is burning into rocky peaks where sage and grass is minimal, limiting fire spread at this time.

BEAVER CREEK FIRE (24,120) The Beaver Creek Fire was less active yesterday than the previous day. Despite windy and dry conditions, there was minimal growth to the north, and the fire remains south of the Warm Springs Road. This lack of growth is partly attributed to the shadow effect created by the smoke columns coming from the Elk and Pony Fires to the west of Fairfield. In the Deer Creek drainage, the fire remains west of Kinsey Creek.

Firefighters worked to secure portions of fire line with assistance from helicopters which dropped water on flare-ups and hot spots. Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) made several retardant drops on the fire perimeter, and the Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) also made four retardant drops. The VLAT is a DC-10 that carries 11,600 gallons of fire retardant and is capable of spreading retardant over a distance of a mile on a single drop.

CLOSURES The area closure includes the entire Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest.

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