



Beaver Creek Fire Update

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Sawtooth National Forest

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New Fire Information Numbers: **877-647-0663** and **877-640-3904**
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Firefighters attack the active parts of Beaver Creek Fire

Firefighters on the Beaver Creek Fire west of Hailey, Idaho, are assigning key resources to the north and east flanks of the 32,211 acre wildfire to prevent its spread into nearby communities and recreation areas.

Now that crews have built containment line on the fire’s southern and western boundaries, handcrews and a bulldozer will tackle more active parts of the fire, according to operations chief John Kennedy.

Those efforts will focus south of Shaw Mountain and Placer Flat and along a ridge that runs between Wolf Tone and Kinsey creeks. Crews will use natural barriers, fire scars and topographical features to slow the fire’s progress, and they’ll be supported by aerial resources using a portable retardant station.

About 340 firefighters and support personnel are assigned to the fire, which began with a lightning strike Aug. 7. The fire was 10 percent contained Tuesday morning.

Forest managers on Tuesday implemented an area closure that includes all roads and trails on National Forest System lands on the Ketchum Ranger District and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area west and south of Highway 75, including Baker Lake.

North Fork Campground, Wood River Campground, Easley Campground, Easley Resort and the Cathedral Pines Organizational Camp are excluded from the road closures. Highway 75 also remains open. Forest visitors should not enter the forest from Carriatown.

Details about the area closure are available at inciweb.org/incident/3635/ and on the Sawtooth National Forest website. Community meetings are set for 7 p.m. tonight at the Legion Hall, 114 E. Camas Ave. W., in Fairfield and at Ketchum City Hall, 480 East Ave. N., in Ketchum. Another meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood River High School Performing Arts Center, 1050 Fox Acres Road, in Hailey.

Fire information lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 877-647-0663 and 877-640-3904.

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