



Beaver Creek Fire Update Sawtooth National Forest August 21, 2013 7:30 PM



Fire Information for Zone 2 (Hailey-Ketchum): **877-647-0663, 877-640-3904, 877-711-1333**
Fire Information for Zone 1 (Fairfield): **877-608-0120** Beavercreekcomplex@gmail.com

Fire Containment and Bandana donations increasing

Firefighter support in the form of bandana donations has been overwhelming. What began as a plea from a battle-worn firefighter to Sheriff Ramsey has now resulted in enough bandanas for every firefighter. Thank you all for your gracious generosity.

The Beaver Creek fire is now estimated at 108,094 acres with containment at 47 percent. The number of personnel assigned to the fire is 1,721.

On the north end of the fire, hotshot crews burned along the Norton Creek Road to the North Creek Trailhead. Crews also held the line and put out spots along the Baker Lake Road. Aerial ignition continued to bring the fire downslope to the East Fork of Baker Creek. Hotshot crews continued line construction from the 2007 Castle Rock fire back toward the East Fork of Baker Creek to secure that portion of the fireline.

In the Big Wood River corridor north of Greenhorn, hotshot crews are finishing the fireline and working on interior hot spots in the Cold Springs area. One hotshot crew will be spending the evening on site to get an earlier start in the morning. When this operation is complete, resources will be shifted north to the Baker Creek area. Mandatory evacuations on the east side of the highway in Cold Spring, Gimlet and the Meadows were downgraded to pre-evacuation status.

In the Croy Canyon area, hotshot crews are working from the west and east to secure the southern perimeter and prevent the fire from any southern movement. Although burnout operations today had mixed success, good progress was made to secure this area. Mandatory evacuations will continue in this area for public and firefighter safety.

In Zone 1 of the fire, which is being managed by Kidd's Type II Incident Management Team, containment lines were strengthened and extended as fire crews advanced northward on the west flank. Air resources continued to provide significant support in Zones 1 and 2 from the Simon and Deer Creek helibases.

A fireline rehabilitation work group has been formed to start rehabilitating firelines that are no longer needed for the fire.

The weather forecast for tomorrow includes a chance for thunderstorms as clouds push in from Nevada. A red flag warning has been issued through midnight Thursday.

Idaho Senator Jim Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and the Idaho State BLM director Tim Murphy visited the fire today.

More fire details are available at inciweb.org/incident/3635/. Current evacuation information can also be found at blainesherriff.com. Residents can register for the Everbridge emergency alert system at BlaineCounty.org by clicking on the Emergency Alert Program tab on the left hand side of the page. Fire information lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 877-647-0663, 877-711-1333 and 877-640-3904.

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