



Island Creek Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information 208-935-6134

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-island-creek>

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Location: The Island Creek fire is located 14 air miles north of Elk City, ID near Sob Point on the Moose Creek Ranger District.

Start Date: July 31, 2025

Cause: Lightning

Size: 1682 acres

Total Personnel: 75

KEY MESSAGE:

Public and firefighter safety continues to be our highest priority. Please be mindful of closures and use caution when recreating in the area near the fire. Expect increased road traffic along FSR 443, 464 and 356, as fire crews are working in the area alongside existing logging traffic. FSR 443 (Falls Point Road) is closed.

CURRENT STATUS:

The fire grew 1024 acres over the past week, mostly to the northwest in steep, rugged terrain. Firefighters will continue to work on improving large, indirect line around the fire area to protect the values at risk. This involves removing brush and fuel along FSR 356, 464, and 443. Road crews will also be conducting maintenance on FSR 1199 to ensure safe ingress/egress.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Fire activity has been moderate this week. More smoke may be visible as the fire continues flanking and backing northeast in the area previously burned by the Wash Fire in 2015. Fire behavior is much more minimal in areas with green timber. A cold front will be passing today, bringing cooler temperatures but also elevated fire weather conditions due to gusty winds up to 16mph. A drying trend will continue into the weekend when warmer temperatures are expected.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:

FSR 443 (Falls Point Road) is closed from the junction with FSR 9720 to one mile south of the Selway Falls Campground. More info on this closure can be found at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/nezperce-clearwater/alerts/nfsr-443-falls-point-road-closure>

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