



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:** 10,743 acres **Total Personnel:** 121

KEY MESSAGE:

The closure order for the Selway River Road above O'Hara remains in place for firefighter and public safety. Incident personnel continue reducing fuels and protecting structures and bridges in the Selway River Corridor. Heavy equipment task forces began work on Saturday, August 23 and will continue removing fuels on the 464 and 443 road systems near Elk City today. The public is urged to respect road closures in that area where heavy logging truck and firefighter traffic is taking place.

CURRENT STATUS:

The fire grew by 3,568 acres in the past 48 hours. Additional firefighters, engines, and heavy equipment arrived Saturday. Fire behavior is active and smoke remains heavy, peaking in the afternoon. Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) are being utilized to observe fire behavior and map the fire perimeter. Firefighters have nearly finished structure protection on the Selway River and continue to construct a fuel break along the FSR 464 and FSR 443 roads.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Fire behavior remains active and the fire continues to expand its perimeter. Hot and dry conditions will continue today with poor overnight temperature recoveries due to a high-pressure system, with lower elevations reaching 100 degrees or more. Humidity is expected to rise today through mid-week along with the possibility of showers, thunderstorms, and wetting rains.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:

An expanded closure order bounded by Indian Hill Trail, NSR 290, Meadow Creek Trail, Five Mile Contour Trail, Dent Point Trail, Divide Trail, Dent Point Trail, and NFSR 443, NFSR 464, NFSR 651, and NFSR 223 was issued on 8/23. More info on this closure can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/nezperce-clearwater/alerts/island-creek-fire-closure-order>

