



SOUTHERN AREA GRAY TEAM

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Fulton Jeansonne



East Fire and Mire Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information: **208-279-7024** (8am-8pm pacific) 2025.east@firenet.gov, 2025.mire@firenet.gov

<https://Inciweb.wildfire.gov>

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

East Fire

Location: 8 miles Northwest of Powell, Idaho

Start Date: 8/20/2025

Cause: Lightning

Size: 636 acres

Completion/Containment: 0%

Mire Fire

Location: 25 miles West of Powell, Idaho

Start Date: 08/13/2025

Cause: Lightning

Size: 744 acres

Completion/Containment: 0%

KEY MESSAGES:

There are a total of 105 personnel assigned to both fires. The reduction in acreage on the Mire Fire is due to more accurate mapping. The Southern Area GRAY Team, a Type-3 Incident Management Team, assumed the management of both the East Fire and the Mire Fire on Tuesday, August 26.

The fires are located on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests in Idaho County, Idaho. The East Fire is approximately 18 miles southwest of Lolo Pass, the Mire Fire is approximately 32 miles southwest of Lolo Pass. Both fires are north of US Hwy 12 and the Lochsa River. The fires are being managed under a full suppression strategy utilizing both direct and indirect tactics to ensure resource protection and to mitigate damage to identified critical values.

CURRENT SITUATION AND PLANNED ACTIONS:

Both the East Fire and the Mire Fire are burning in steep rugged terrain in proximity to old fire scars with many standing dead hazard trees. Fire activity varies daily from smoldering and creeping to group torching and short runs when the daily inversion lifts and winds increase. Aviation resources are being utilized to reduce fire activity. On the Mire Fire, heavy equipment (masticators) are reducing roadside vegetation along NSFRs 107 and 587. Local resource advisors are coordinating with fire managers to identify significant cultural, historic, and natural resources at risk and to mitigate impacts. Fire managers will continue to assess conditions and implement appropriate suppression actions.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today will be cloudy with a high temperature of 71-76 degrees. Afternoon winds will be light, from the east at 5 mph. The chance of precipitation will increase to 50 percent. Afternoon thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds are possible.

Rain chances will continue overnight, throughout Thursday and into Friday morning. If received, the rain is anticipated to aid in suppression efforts but not be a fire ending event. The potential for localized heavy rain, flooding, and debris flows exists across the area.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Limited closures surrounding both fire areas remain in place to protect the safety and welfare of the public and to provide for safe firefighting access. Closure orders and maps are posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/nezperce-clearwater/alerts>.

Near the East Fire, a 12-mile section of NFSR 500 (Lolo Motorway) is closed from the junction with NFSR 566 (Doe Creek Rd) to NFSR 109 (Shotgun Creek Rd). Near the Mire Fire, two roads are closed: NFSR 107 (Saddle Camp Rd) from the junction with NFSR 500 to the end of the road, and NFSR 587 (Marten Hill Rd) from the junction with NFSR 500 to the end of the road.