



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:** 11,591 acres **Total Personnel:** 133

KEY MESSAGE:

The Selway River Road closure order above O'Hara remains in place for firefighter and public safety. Incident personnel are actively operating on this corridor. On the 464 and 443 road systems near Elk City, fire personnel are using heavy equipment to remove fuel and improve control lines. The public is urged to respect road closures where machinery and firefighters are active for their safety and that of firefighting personnel.

CURRENT STATUS:

The fire grew by 848 acres in the past 24 hours. On the Selway River, burning operations began on the South side of the river, near Slim's Camp; this carefully planned backburn will eliminate combustible material in the fire's path and impede its spread to the popular recreation corridor on the North side of the river. Near Elk City, firefighters continued using heavy equipment to remove fuels on the 464 and 443 roads and improve existing fire lines.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Humidity is expected to increase today and Thursday. Showers and thunderstorms are forecasted tonight through Thursday. They may produce wetting rain and 30-40 mile per hour wind gusts. The thunderstorms will be slow moving and heavy at times with a potential for debris flows near burn scars.

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>

