



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>

Thursday, August 28, 2025

East Fire

Location: 8 miles Northwest of Powell, Idaho

Start Date: 8/20/2025

Cause: Lightning

Size: 636 acres

Completion/Containment: 1%

Mire Fire

Location: 25 miles West of Powell, Idaho

Start Date: 08/13/2025

Cause: Lightning

Size: 744 acres

Completion/Containment: 0%

Resources for Both Fires: Crews: 2 Engines: 4 Heavy Equipment: 4 Total Personnel: 123

KEY MESSAGES:

Moderated weather conditions yesterday, including light rain, kept fire activity low and enabled firefighters to continue to make progress reducing vegetation along several roads to improve access to the East Fire and the Mire Fire.

The East Fire and the Mire Fire 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. Fire activity varies daily from smoldering and creeping to group tree torching and short runs in areas where slope and wind align.

Heavy equipment (masticators) and crews are reducing roadside vegetation along NFSR 108 on the East Fire and NFSRs 107 and 587 on the Mire Fire. Aviation resources are available when weather conditions allow. Local resource advisors are coordinating with fire managers to identify significant cultural, historic, and natural resources at risk and mitigate impacts. Fire managers continue to assess conditions and implement appropriate suppression actions with special emphasis on areas of critical values.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today will be mostly cloudy with rain showers likely, afternoon thunderstorms possible. Temperatures will be 64-69 degrees, minimum humidity 70 percent with winds from the southwest at 5 mph and gusts to 15 mph. Rain chances will continue throughout this evening, with total rain amounts of 0.15 inches likely.

Friday's forecast is partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High temperature 69-74 degrees, minimum humidity 41-46 percent with winds from the west at 5 mph and gusts to 15 mph.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Limited road closures near both fire areas remain in place to protect the safety 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, NFSR 587 (Marten Hill Rd) is closed, and NFSR 107 (Saddle Camp Rd) is closed from the NFSR 500 junction to the north end of the road.