



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:** 13,775 acres **Total Personnel:** 139

KEY MESSAGE:

An expanded closure order went into effect today for the areas near wildfire activity, encompassing the entirety of the Selway River Road--excluding the private inholdings—including Coolwater Road, and western portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness where firefighters are operating. 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 and trail closures where machinery and firefighters are active, especially when planning recreational activities, including bow hunting.

CURRENT STATUS:

The fire has grown by 2,184 acres in the past three days. The skies remained mostly clear yesterday, but smoke began to pick up on the fire over the course of the day. Firefighting personnel continued to work at removing hazard trees that threatened firefighter safety as well as building fuel breaks near Elk City.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Hot and dry weather with little cloud cover are expected this weekend. These conditions will lead to enhanced fire behavior. Smoke will slowly but steadily intensify through the weekend.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:

As hunters prepare for the first day of elk bow season and recreators enjoy the long weekend, they should be aware of the expanded closure order issued today. It includes parts of the forest bounded by the Coolwater Road, the Falls Point and American River Road, NFSR 464, NFSR 1129, NFSR 1119, NFSR 223, the Eagle Mountain Trail (#206), the Coves Lake Trail (#3), the Big Rock Trail (#693), the Three Links Trail (#495), the Mink Peak Trail (#438), and the High Line Ridge Trail (#626). For a map and more details on the closure follow this link: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-publication/idncf-island-creek/island-creek-expanded-area-road-trail-closure-08-29-2025>

