



Island Creek Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information 208-935-6134

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-island-creek>

August 31, 2025

Scott Schuster, Incident Commander

Location: The Island Creek fire is located 14 air miles north of Elk City, ID on the Moose Creek Ranger District.

Start Date: July 31, 2025 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 13,844 acres **Total Personnel:** 145

KEY MESSAGE:

On the 464 and 443 road systems near Elk City, fire personnel are removing fuel and improving control lines. The public is urged to respect road and trail closures, especially when planning recreational activities, including bow hunting. An expanded closure order went into effect Friday, August 29, 2025, encompassing the entire Selway River Road, excluding private inholdings—including Coolwater Road, and western portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness where firefighters are operating. Mail and package delivery services will continue for residents.

CURRENT STATUS:

At 6:00 AM this morning, the Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 2 assumed command of the Island Creek Fire. Skies remained mostly clear yesterday, but fire activity and smoke levels increased over the fire throughout the day.

Crews continued to build fuel breaks and remove hazard trees that threaten firefighter and public safety near Elk City. Firefighters are scouting and assessing additional locations for control lines and structure protection measures. Fire managers are tracking fire spread north of the Selway River and seeking opportunities to implement suppression tactics.

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 archery season and recreationists enjoy the long weekend, they should be aware of the expanded closure order. 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>

