



Island Creek Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information 208-295-2370

<https://linktr.ee/IslandCreek.2025>



September 1, 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:** 13,891 acres

Containment: 5% **Total Personnel:** 202

KEY MESSAGE:

Due to hotter and drier weather today and the rest of the week, an increase in fire activity is expected until the weekend where cooler temperatures will arrive with a chance of precipitation. An expanded closure order went into effect Friday, August 29, 2025, as described under closures and special messages below. Mail and package delivery services will continue for residents.

CURRENT STATUS:

The fire activity is primarily in the fire footprint left by the Wash Fire in 2015. North of the Selway River, the fire is located north and west of the confluence of Gedney Creek and the Selway River. Resources will be working on containing this portion of the fire today to minimize fire spread to the west. Crews and heavy equipment continue to build and improve fuel breaks near Elk City on road system 443. Firefighters are scouting and assessing additional locations for control lines and structure protection.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A heat advisory will be in effect beginning Monday Sept. 1 at 1:00pm through Tuesday Sept. 2 at 10:00pm. There will be a warming and drying trend over the fire area for the next several days. Increased fire activity is expected. Cooler weather with chances of moisture is expected over 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%20road-trail-closure-08-2>

