



Island Creek Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests
Fire Information 208-295-2370
<https://linktr.ee/IslandCreek.2025>



September 4, 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:** Acres 14,124

Containment: 5% **Total Personnel:** 261

KEY MESSAGE:

Firefighters are continuing structure protection efforts in the Selway River corridor. Hot and dry weather continues until Friday. Air resources continue to be utilized to support the incident. 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:

Yesterday, fire personnel continued work in the Gedney Creek drainage and north of the Selway River confluence to prevent further fire spread to the west. Crews are assessing and felling hazard trees along the Selway River corridor to ensure firefighter and public safety. Structure protection resources began implementation of sprinkler systems and will continue today. A night shift presence will remain in the Selway River corridor for the next couple of nights. Crews and heavy equipment continue to make good progress on the shaded fuel breaks along the 464 and 443 roads. A type 1 helicopter was relocated to Grangeville and is available if needed.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot and dry weather conditions continue. A high-pressure weather system is expected to move through the area tonight causing winds to shift and come out of the east. Fire activity is expected to increase until lower temperatures and chances of precipitation move into the region tomorrow. Lower temperatures and a slight chance of precipitation over the weekend may lead to a slow decrease in fire behavior.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES:

As hunters and recreationists visit the Forest for fall hunting seasons and other activities, 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://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/nezperce-clearwater/alerts/expanded-selway-river-area-closure-7-29>.

