



Island Creek Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information 208-295-2370

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



September 5, 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:** 14,474 Acres

Containment: 5% **Total Personnel:** 268

KEY MESSAGE:

Firefighters continue to implement structure protection efforts in the Selway River corridor. Temperatures will begin to moderate tonight with chances of precipitation starting tomorrow evening and into next week. 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 implemented structure protection measures along the Selway River Corridor between O'hara Bridge and Fenn Ranger Station. Today they will be operating the sprinklers and hose lays and will be assessing further needs. Crews have made good progress to secure the area west of Gedney Creek and north of the Selway to prevent fire growth to the west. Work continues to assess and fell hazard trees to ensure firefighter and public safety. A night shift presence remains in the Selway River corridor tonight. Crews and heavy equipment continue to make good progress on the shaded fuel breaks along the 464 and 443 roads. Personnel will be tracking fire activity and spread.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot and dry conditions persist again today. Tonight, a cold front will move into the area which will bring significantly lower temperatures and an increasing chance of precipitation Saturday evening into Sunday. This may lead to a slow decrease in fire behavior. Chances of rain significantly increase early next week. The cooler air may trap smoke near the ground causing hazy skies and poor visibility.

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>.

