



# BOUNDARY FIRE UPDATE



Saturday, September 25, 2021

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A point protection strategy is being applied to the Boundary Creek Fire, which is burning in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Firefighter and public safety remain the number one priority.

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Completion	Crew	Helicopters	Engines	Personnel
8/10	Lightning	80,299	58%	5	5	6	272

In **Sulphur Group**, firefighters encountered continued fire activity on the north facing slope south of Sulphur Creek Ranch and increased fire activity on the southwest corner of the Blue Bunch Mountains. Crews also continued their work along the 579 Road. This work will continue today.

Firefighters in **Seafoam Group** noted increased fire activity in the Lime Creek drainage. Crews removed structure wrap from buildings at Fur Farm and excess equipment from Seafoam Guard Station. Firefighters also removed hazard and fallen trees from the travel corridors.

With the help of Air Operations, **Scarface Group** completed several backhaul missions. Air Operations also responded when firefighters saw increased fire activity between Cabin Creek and Little Soldier Creek drainages by dropping a bucket of water from a Type 1 helicopter to slow the spread.

In the **Pistol Group** area, two radio repeaters were relocated to improve communications. With smoke still visible on the other side of Little Soldier Mountain, firefighters in the group prepared for the potential westward movement of the fire by further securing Pistol Creek Ranch and Indian Creek Guard Station.

**Weather** – Unseasonably warm weather and low relative humidity will continue through the weekend. Temperatures will be 65-75 degrees except along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River corridor, which will see temperatures in the 80s. Winds in the upper atmosphere will increase from the southwest. In addition to potentially spurring fire activity, winds may also bring in smoke from the fires in Northern California.

**CLOSURES and RESTRICTIONS:** Fire managers are asking the public to please stay out of all closure areas. The Salmon-Challis National Forest closure area and map can be viewed on their website. **Rafters** with a Middle Fork of the Salmon launch permit can contact 208-879-4108 for information. Boundary Creek, Indian Creek and Thomas Creek launch sites remain closed to boaters. Based on assessments by fire personnel, river operations staff anticipate allowing launches to resume from Thomas Creek on Monday, Sep. 27. **Hunters** with special permits within the closure area are encouraged to call the Salmon office of [Idaho Fish and Game](http://idfg.idaho.gov) at 208-756-2271 and visit their website at <http://idfg.idaho.gov>.

Boise National Forest Area and Road **Closure Order #0402-05-88** is in effect for Fir Creek Campground, Blue Bunch Trailhead, and the areas surrounding Forest Service Roads 579A and 579A1. The closure order and map may be viewed on the Boise National Forest website.

A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect over the fire for public and firefighter safety. The surrounding backcountry airstrips remain open to general aviation; pilots should coordinate with Central Idaho Dispatch, and monitor both the TFR and backcountry frequencies.

Information on wildfire smoke can be found at <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>. For air quality information, visit <https://www2.deq.idaho.gov/air/AQIPublic/Forecast>, then select Idaho Falls Region. Salmon is in the dropdown menu.

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