



# Prospect Fire

## Wildfire Fact Sheet

Monday, September 5, 2022,  
8:00AM



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**Location:** Junction of Meadow Creek and Prospect Creek, 8 miles north of Harvard, Idaho

**Incident Command:** North Idaho Type 3 Incident Management Team 2, Mike McManus, I.C.

**Estimated Size:** 200 acres

**Containment:** 0%

**Total Personnel:** 120

### North Idaho Type 3 Incident Management Team takes command of Prospect Fire

(Harvard, Idaho- 9/5/22) Today at 6 am the North Idaho Type 3 Incident Management Team 2 (NI IMT 2) assumed command of the Prospect Fire. Idaho Department of Lands resources were able to locate and determine the cause of the fire to be a single tree lightning strike from the storm that passed through the area late Saturday afternoon.

The fire is estimated to be 200 acres, and at this time, is zero percent contained. The fire is burning on industrial timber land in an area where a completed forest operation had occurred, and heavy logging slash was collected and waiting for the fall burning season in accordance with Idaho's Forest Practices Act.

The fire grew yesterday as slash piles and heavy fuels continued to ignite. The intensity of the burning did not allow for direct ground engagement by fire crews, however fixed wing aviation resources were very successful in providing support to ground forces with both retardant and water drops. This allowed firefighters to begin construction of mechanical line with heavy equipment and scouting opportunities for direct engagement of the fire. Fire crews remained on scene throughout the night to monitor the fire's behavior and take action as necessary.

Today crews will continue with yesterday's course of action as resources arrive over the next several operational shifts. Firefighter and public safety are always the number one priority when determining fire suppression strategies. There are no communities or structures threatened at this time. The public is asked to stay clear of the area to provide for the safety of fire crews and the large heavy equipment required to successfully fight this fire.

Currently there are no road or area closures, however this is continually re-assessed, and the public will be informed as changes occur.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR):** There is a TFR in place for air space over the Prospect Fire (FDC-2/1591) to lessen impacts to local aviation operators. Remember that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones. **If you fly, we can't!**

**Cooperating Agencies:** Idaho Dept. of Lands, Potlatch Rural Fire, Latah County Sheriff, Deary Rural Fire, Moscow Rural Fire, PotlatchDeltic

**Photo:** Prospect Fire looking North from the south side of the Prospect Creek drainage- 9/4/22. Credit-Cory Flesher.  
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