



Prospect Fire

Wildfire Fact Sheet

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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: 250 acres

Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 120

Crews make progress, incoming weather expected to test suppression efforts

(Harvard, Idaho- 9/6/22) The Prospect Fire is now estimated at 250 acres with zero percent containment. The fire continues to burn exclusively on industrial timber land. Retardant drops have successfully kept the northern edge of the fire perimeter from expanding into Forest Service ownership. Dozer operators completed mechanical line along the western edge as ground crews tracked down and extinguished spot fires created by strong westerly winds. The fire continues to back down the Prospect Creek drainage toward the fire scar of the 2019 Prospect Fire.

Today fire crews will work to complete indirect fire lines around the fire perimeter. These indirect firelines are often referred to as “the big box.” As firefighter and public safety are always the number one priority when determining fire suppression strategies, this tactic allows for the removal of fuels ahead of the fire’s advancement while providing for the safety of the crew.

As fuels change, so too does fire behavior. Firefighters have been successful in controlling fire growth in areas where the fuel type changes from logging slash to standing timber. The live trees coupled with retardant lowers the intensity of the fire and allows firefighters access to construct handlines and directly engage the fire.

Critical fire weather conditions are forecast to occur Tuesday evening through Wednesday evening resulting in poor humidity recovery overnight. This may cause high elevation fires to burn actively through the night. Gusty winds during the daytime could cause current fire behavior to increase in intensity.

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) for the safety of all firefighting resources both ground and air. The TFR also applies to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones. All aviation resources will be grounded if the TFR is violated. **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: Retardant drop on Prospect fire. Taken 9/4/2022 from HWY 95 looking southeast. Retardant line is the one discussed in today’s update. Credit- Jen Russell

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