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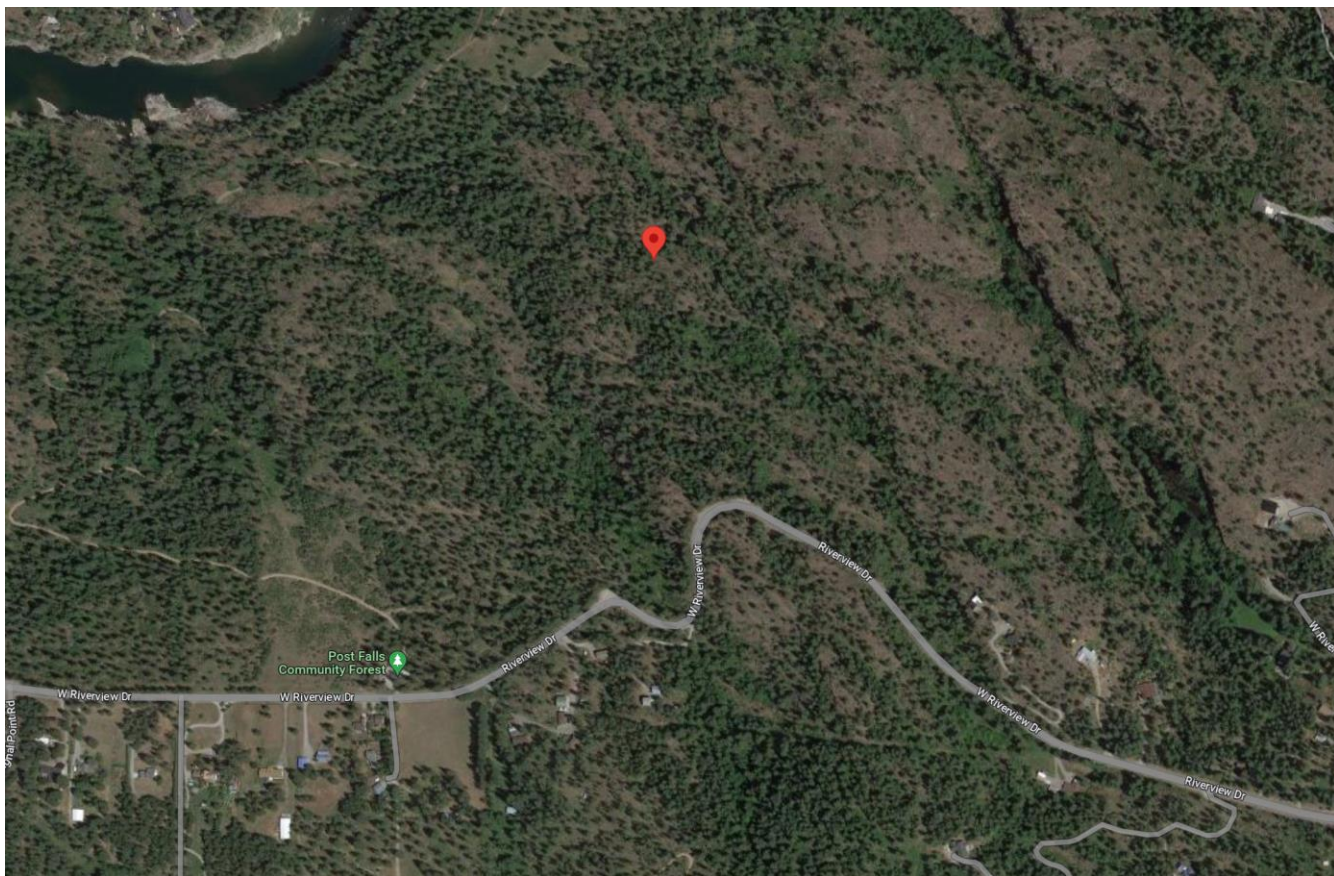
Parkway Fire Cause and investigation

Post Falls Idaho- On August 4th, 2023 just before 2:30 P.M. a fire ignited in the Post Falls Community Forest. This fire triggered an enormous response from local emergency services to include Post Falls Police Department, Kootenai County Sheriff Office, Idaho State Police, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and Idaho Department of Lands. Through coordination and partnerships, the fire was contained to roughly 80 acres and no homes were lost.

Since the start of the fire, Post Falls Police has partnered with Idaho Department of Lands to protect the public and investigate the source of this fire. Idaho Department of Lands Investigators discovered the source of the fire and quickly notified the Post Falls Police Department to initiate the criminal investigation. The source was determined to be a campfire located in the park that was not fully attended or put out. The negligence of the person or persons involved have caused great damage to a city park that will take years to recover from. The Post Falls Police Department is committed to thoroughly investigating this fire and holding the person or persons responsible for this negligent act.

Post Falls Police Investigators are seeking any information from the public as to whom may have been involved with this campfire. The campfire was located approximately a quarter of a mile to the north of West Riverview Drive in a steep rocky area of the park, just north of the designated trail in the area. Anyone with information is urged to call the Post Falls Police Department at (208) 773-3517 or email tips to detectives@postfallspolice.gov .

The Post Falls Police Department and the City of Post Falls would like to thank the Idaho Department of Lands, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and the air support units for the quick and aggressive response that surely saved homes and possibly lives.



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