

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2025
Department Report

Subject

Fire Season Update

Background

As of June 30, Emergency Fire Suppression expenditures are estimated to be \$9,182,500. The Suppression Account will recover an estimated \$1,940,000 of reimbursable costs, for a net obligation of \$7,242,500. The total obligation includes the 2025 contracted aircraft costs and prepositioned contract engines to assist with a lack of qualified engine bosses. These engines will be assigned across the state to boost initial attack resources.

Discussion

On June 26, the Old Greer incident started 8 miles south of Orofino and is being managed as a Type 3 by the local district. The fire is currently 78 acres and 100% contained.

The Nettleton Gulch fire started on June 29 in Coeur d'Alene. As of July 6, it was turned back to the district. It is 23 acres and 50% contained.

Fire Season Comparison to Date

Number and Size of Fires (Year to Date)

Year	Human	Lightning	Total	Acres
2021	123	32	155	732
2022	19	8	27	40
2023*	80	23	103	495
2024*	86	17	103	3,339
2025*	125	14	139	765
20-Yr. Average (2002-2022)			63	700

*2024 and 2025 fires are calculated using the protection boundaries of the new Idaho Master Agreement which has increased the area in which IDL is the protecting agency. Therefore, there is an inconsistency between earlier numbers and 20-year averages.

April, May, and June have seen above average temperatures and below average precipitation. July is forecasted to have above average temperatures and below average precipitation. The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for July through September shows above normal fire potential for most of Idaho.

There are no fire restrictions in place.

Significant Fires Outside of IDL Protection

There are no significant fires in Idaho outside of IDL protection.

Total Acres Burned by Ownership as of 7/8/2025

Surface Owner	Acres
Bureau of Land Management	7,767
U.S. Forest Service	355
Other Federal	3,505
Tribal	0
Private	1,164
State Endowment	854
Other State	118
Total Acres	13,763

Only fires with perimeters in the Fire Enterprise Geospatial Portal have been included in the analysis.

Fire Deficiency Warrant Spending—2025 Fire Season YTD

Category	Estimated Costs	Notes
Aviation Resources	\$3,500,000	4 SEATS, 4 Single Engine Water Scooper (Fire Boss), 1 Type 1 UH-60 Blackhawk
Preposition Engines	\$1,012,500	5 Type 6 Exclusive Use Contract Engines July 14-Sept. 15 (45 days guaranteed)
IDL Non-Team Fires	\$504,000	IDL/Assn fires including pre-positioning. Based on estimates and actuals.
IDL Team Fires	\$2,100,000	Old Greer (T3@MCS), Nettleton Gulch (T3@MIS)
Other Suppression/Non-reimbursable	\$126,000	Coeur d'Alene Cache: incoming and outgoing supplies not yet billed; Dispatch/Bureau cost when supporting multiple incidents.
Other Suppression/Reimbursable	\$1,940,000	Reimbursable—IDL and Fire Department resources supporting non-IDL fires.
Total Estimate YTD	\$9,182,500	Awaiting Aviation update, this may change

Attachments

1. Map—Wildland Fires

2025 Wildland Fires in Idaho

7/4/2025

Fire Perimeter Categories

- Current Month
- Last Month
- Two Months Ago
- Three Months and Older

Surface Management

- Idaho Endowment Lands
- Other State
- Private
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Tribal Lands
- Other Federal



Perimeters obtained from: NIFC InFORM system.
Only fires greater than 100 acres are displayed
on the map unless otherwise requested.

"This map has been compiled using the best information available to the Idaho Department of Lands at the time and may be updated and/or revised without notice. In situations where known accuracy and completeness is required, the user has the responsibility to verify the accuracy of the map and the underlying data sources."

Map Created 7/4/2025 by IDL GIS

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