Sunset Fire Update

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Location: On the western slope of Lake Pend Oreille, northeast of Athol, ID.
Start Date: 8/13/2025
Cause: Under investigation
Size: 3,183 acres - No Change
Containment: 80%
Total Personnel: 391

North Idaho Type 3 Incident Management Team took command of the incident at 8:00 pm last night. Today will be the first operational shift for the incoming incident management team. Firefighter and public safety remain the number one priority during this transitional period.

CURRENT STATUS

Demobilization of resources will continue as fire activity remains minimal. The incident management team is right-sizing the organization to match current needs while maintaining adequate staffing to ensure firefighter and public safety.

Crews will continue to remove pumps, hoselays, and sprinklers where they are no longer needed. Fire managers will be assessing the uncontained fireline and expect fire containment to increase by the end of shift today. Aircraft are available to support crews on the ground as need with water delivery, cargo backhaul, and reconnaissance missions.

Fire crews assigned to the Sunset Fire remain available and have been assisting local, state, and federal partners with initial attack operations following the lightning bust from Friday's thunderstorms. Their support is helping ensure new starts are quickly addressed to reduce the risk of additional large fires.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today, temperatures will reach the mid to high 90s with hazy skies. There will be poor humidity recovery for the next several nights, with minimum relative humidity in 20s with winds out of the Northeast in the morning, moving to the east at 4 to 9 mph in the. Unseasonably warm temperatures will continue for the next several days.

Minimal fire behavior including smoldering and creeping is expected to continue in areas inside the fire perimeter where heat persists.

High fire danger conditions persist regionally, and the public is reminded to use extreme caution with fire. Always keep water and tools within reach and never leave a recreational fire unattended or without being fully extinguished.

EVACUATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, CLOSURES

*****All evacuations, restrictions, and closures have been rescinded.*****

- **The established checkpoints will continue to be manned by law enforcement personnel, in order to restrict non-residents from entering the previously evacuated areas.**
- **You are returning to an active fire scene where hundreds of personnel are still working. You will encounter heavy equipment and fire trucks throughout the area. Please give them the right-of-way as you travel.**

A Temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place that restricts all aircraft (including drones) from operating in the fire area without permission.