

Highline Fire Update

Payette National Forest

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For More Information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5500/>

Highline Fire Facts

Location: The Highline Fire and Goat Fire are both burning on the Payette National Forest, Krassel Ranger District, entirely within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (<https://tinyurl.com/y8qomgpm>), approximately 23 miles east/northeast of Warren, Idaho.

Date of Origin: July 28, 2017 @ approx. 7:00 p.m.

Cause: Started by lightning

Current Size: Highline Fire: 83,630 acres / Goat Fire: 818 Acres

Current Situation: Overall the Highline and Goat fire behavior remained low to moderate yesterday. On the eastern perimeter, the Highline fire continues to back and flank towards Root Ranch and Arctic Point Lookout. Forward progression along the east flank continues to be approx. quarter to half mile per day. Fire along the northern tip of the incident continues to creep into the upper reaches of the Salmon River breaks with spread distances up to quarter mile. On the western flank, the fire continues to back to the west towards Sheepeater Lookout. The southwestern portion of the fire continues to show the most heat and movement. Fire in this location is burning actively through mature timber with a significant amount of dead and down below the tree canopy. The Goat Fire continues to back at a very slow rate towards Phantom Creek and the Salmon River. Warming and drying conditions over the next few days may increase fire behavior into the middle of the week. On Wednesday another weather system may enter the area bringing decreasing temperatures, increased moisture and a chance for showers and thunderstorms which will again moderate fire movement. Firefighters are currently positioned at Big Creek to monitor the fire's movement to the southwest. The fire was also active last night southwest of Root Ranch and has spotted within a quarter mile from the ranch. A crew remains vigilant at Root Ranch monitoring the fire and ready to take action if needed. Resources assigned to the fire include one type 2 initial attack crew, one local hand crew, one light helicopter and multiple fireline leadership and support positions. A total of 77 personnel are assigned.

Fire Management Strategy: The Payette National Forest has selected a monitor/point protection fire management strategy as the fire is burning within the Wilderness and was started naturally by lightning. This management approach allows fire to play its natural role in the Wilderness to achieve ecological benefits for enhancement of forest health and wildlife habitat, while protecting Values at Risk. Suppression actions will be taken as needed to protect Values at Risk.

Closures and Restrictions: A Forest Area Closure is in effect for public and firefighter safety. The Chamberlain, Cold Meadows, Soldier Bar and Cabin Creek Airstrips are closed due to fire activity. Please visit the following link for the Highline Fire Area Closure Order: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/payette/alerts-notice>. The Payette National Forest is also under **STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**. [Click this link for designated sites](#) where campfires are allowed. If a site is not signed as being a designated site, then campfires are not allowed at that site. There are no fire restrictions in the Frank Church River or No Return Wilderness. For more information visit: <http://www.idahofireinfo.com/p/wilderness-fire-restrictions.html>.

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