



Leland Complex

Wildfire Fact Sheet

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 9:00AM



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Incident Command: Eastern Area Type 2 Incident Management Gold Team, Brian Pisarek, Incident Commander

Estimated Size: Sand Mountain – 1499 acres
Pine Creek – 542 acres
Bonami – 6 acres
Johnson Creek – 903 acres

Containment: Sand Mountain – 0%
Pine Creek – 100%
Bonami – 100%
Johnson Creek – 0%

Total Personnel: 258

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A Red Flag Warning has been issued for the area today from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. due to increased winds and a drop in relative humidity. Winds speeds may gust up to 25 mph on the ridge tops. Fire activity is expected to pick up due to the red flag conditions. Additional resources will continue arriving to the Leland complex and will be distributed between the Sand Mountain, and Johnson Creek Fires. Firefighter safety remains a top priority and conditions will be monitored throughout the day. Aircraft will be used to assist with fire suppression.

Sand Mountain Fire

Yesterday - Significant progress was made on the west side of the fire as crews mopped up hotspots and strengthened the hard black containment line. They continued to work on the access roads south toward Micah Mountain and east along the Big Sand Creek Road, using heavy equipment to clear debris. Saw crews focused on eliminating snags and hazardous trees that pose a safety risk to fire fighters.

Today – Crews will continue to prep the access roads along the Big Sand creek, and patrolling the area as winds increase through the day. Heavy equipment will be used again today to open up clear access on existing roads and trails. Mop up efforts will continue on the west side of the fire (east of the Little Sand Creek), and along the north side of the fire (south of the Palouse River) to increase the width of the hard black line.

Johnson Creek Fire

Saw crews will strengthen protection around the Elk Butte communications tower. Fire crews will continue reinforcing the access route along the south side of the fire to establish a containment line. They will be installing a hose line on the west side to assist hand crews going direct on active fire to minimize spread and protect the watershed. Work will continue using heavy equipment to strengthen and improve the constructed line west from Windy Point toward Elk Creek Road. Scouting will continue along the north side of the fire to determine existing roads, trails and natural feature to establish a containment line.

Evacuations and Closures: Sand Mountain Fire area roads/trail/campgrounds, including Laird Park and Potlatch/Deltic leases, remain closed to the public. Details of trail, road, and campground closures can be found here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nezperceclearwater/notices/?cid=FSEPRD930787> **Please respect closures and barricades!**

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): There are TFRs in place for air space over the fires in the Leland Complex. Remember that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones. **If you Fly, We Can't!**

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho Dept of Lands, Nez Perce Tribe, USDA FS, Latah County Sheriff's Office, Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office, Nez Perce County FD, Potlatch VFD, Troy VFD, Deary VFD, Moscow VFD, Juilaetta VFD, Kendrick VFD, Genesee VFD, South Idaho Timber Protection Association.