

Buckskin 2 Fire



Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District Fire Information: 208-557-8813 https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idipf-buckskin-2-fire

August 5, 2023

Location: Located approximately 8 miles due south of Clark Fork, ID on Delyle Ridge, between Twin

Creek and Dry Creek, south of Highway 200.

Start Date: 8/4/2023 Cause: Under Investigation Size: 150 acres Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 80 Engines: 3 Hand Crews: 3

Resources are on scene and responding to the Buckskin 2 Fire. The fire was reported on 8/4/2023 at around 9 PM and is estimated at 150 acres. Current resources include 3 engines, 3 hand crews, and a Wildland Fire Module; additional resources have been ordered. Fire crews have assessed the area, developed a Structure Protection Plan, and have begun implementation. The fire is two miles from the nearest residence. The fire behavior is characterized as moderate and is torching, creeping, and smoldering. Interagency air resources from across the northwest will continue their assistance today. Fire managers will continue to keep a close eye on weather for any wind shifts that accompany thunderstorms, but the elevated RH (relative humidity) and possible precipitation could provide aid in suppression efforts.

EVACUATION STATUS

The Bonner County Sheriff's Office is putting the residents of Twin Creek Rd and Rearden Rd in Clark Fork on READY status for the current fire at Buckskin 2 wildfire. For County Sheriff's Office emergency messaging is available through NIXLE at www.nixle.com.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

A closure surrounding the fire area is pending approval. The public is encouraged to avoid the area for firefighter safety and practice caution while driving near heavy equipment.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8pm and 5am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. Minimum RH is 47 percent. Southwest wind around 9 mph this afternoon, shifting east 7 to 10 mph tonight. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.



Aerial view of downhill runs on the Buckskin 2 Fire. USDA Forest Service photo.