

Peterson Hollow Fire



Morning Update
8/24/16



The Peterson Hollow Fire saw major growth yesterday, more than doubling in size. The fire is currently 920 acres and still 0% contained. The acreage was reported as larger yesterday evening; however, last night's infrared flight gave a more accurate reading.

Yesterday's strong winds caused extreme fire behavior and cross canyon spotting. The fire front moved eastward and north, and is now active on both sides of Sink Hollow.

The active fire is visible from Highway 89, and we ask the public not to pull over on the side of the highway. It is causing a traffic hazard, and has become an immense safety concern. County Sheriffs will be patrolling the area to keep traffic moving.

Area closures have been extended east to Swan Creek, and areas north of Highway 89 between Peterson Hollow drainage and the east forest border. They remain in effect for Peterson Hollow, Highline, and Beaver Creek and Sink Hollow (on the Utah side). Franklin Basin Road is open.

Aerial support will continue to be heavily utilized, as road access is limited. Along with the air tanker and helicopter work, scoopers have been brought in to assist in fire suppression.

Structure protection is still in place for Beaver Mountain Lodge, and the surrounding buildings. While structures are not eminently threatened, protection is being put in place as a precaution.

The fire has now crossed into Idaho. Crews will work to keep the fire east of the Logan River Drainage and north of Beaver Mountain.

For updated information call 801-940-4935 or 801-999-2112. Find current info:

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