



Idaho Sunset Fire Bonner County August 15th, 2025

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Please Note that Currently There are no press releases regarding Sunset Fire.

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Posted on the State Emergency Management Page on August 14th, 2025

“Sunset Fire Grows to 1,600 Acres Northeast of Athol; Evacuations Expand (ATHOL, Idaho – August 14, 2025- 6:00PM PT) – The Sunset Fire burning northeast of Athol has expanded to approximately 1,600 acres as of Thursday evening, more than doubling in size from the previous day. Air and ground firefighting resources continue direct engagement of the fire where safe to do so. Values at risk continue to be threatened and fire crews are assessing structures and implementing point protection where possible. The North Idaho Type 3 Incident Management Team led by Incident Commander, Mike McManus assumed command of the fire this afternoon. Evacuation orders remain in place for residents on Raven Road, Crosswhite Road, Little Blacktail Road, and east of 2268 Sunset Road. These areas are under GO status, meaning residents should leave immediately. ADDITIONALLY- USFS 630 off Blacktail Road (north of Blacktail), Butler Creek and Butler Creek

Spur, from Mirror Lake, diagonal down to USFS 630, including Five Lakes Estates, Jupline Landing , the entire Ponderosa neighborhood and everything south of Talache Rd.

SET notices are in effect for homes on Blacktail Road a quarter-mile north of Little Blacktail, and everything north of Talache Road in Sagle. Residents should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

READY advisories remain for all residents on Blacktail Road north of the ¼ mile and for the community of Bayview in neighboring Kootenai County.

An evacuation center. The Bonner County Fairgrounds are available to shelter evacuated livestock on a limited basis.

Weather conditions have improved since Wednesday evening's high winds, with cooler temperatures and lighter gusts, however steep and arduous terrain with limited road access continue to challenge firefighters. Officials are urging the public to avoid the fire area and respect road closures.

The fire is moving northeast and exhibiting extreme fire behavior with short crown runs through timber. Dense smoke at times has limited the use of aviation assets. Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place that restricts all aircraft (including drones) from operating in the fire area without permission. If you fly we can't!

Cooperating agencies include: Idaho Department of Lands, U.S. Forest Service - Idaho Panhandle National Forests Bonner County Sheriff's Office Bonner County Emergency Management , and multiple local rural and county fire departments and EMS.

The cause of the Sunset Fire remains under investigation.

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American Red Cross

Greater Inland Northwest
315 W. Nora Ave
Spokane, WA 99105
(509) 326-3330

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Open Shelters:

Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp
209 Cocolalla Loop Road
Cocollala, ID 83813

To view an updated list of shelters, visit [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Department of Transportation

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Please see the following link for updated traffic conditions: [Idaho 511](#)

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

2-1-1 Idaho Careline

Text your zip code to 898-211

[Welcome to 2-1-1 | Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

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Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.