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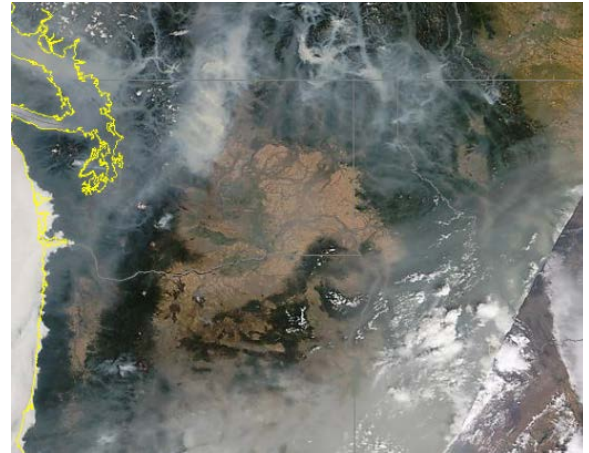
No new wildfires were reported on the forest yesterday.

Stage I Fire Restrictions: <http://www.idahofireinfo.com> **Forest Closures:** www.fs.fed.us/ipnf

Inciweb provides detailed information for the five wildfires currently burning on the Forest <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>

A Community Meeting for the Cougar Fire will be held this evening at the Clark Fork Jr. /Sr. High School at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Smoke Dispersion: Air quality will be moderate today under light winds with worse conditions near wildfires. Westerly winds will push more smoke across the panhandle tonight and may degrade air quality. Satellite Imagery source: <http://ge.ssec.wisc.edu/modis-today> (Aug. 22, 2018)



Fire Behavior: Winds from the west are generally pushing our fires in an easterly direction. Local terrain impacts fire spread. While some firefighters are seeing active fire behavior of single and group tree torching and uphill runs, the fire edge around most of these fires are slowly creeping and consuming light fuels.

Safety: Many of the Forests wildfires are burning on steep rugged terrain. While falling snags are always of great concern to ground resources, rolling debris, sprained ankles, limited access and general physical wellbeing are additional concerns with steep rugged terrain. The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Fire Management Officer flew a reconnaissance flight over the Rampike fire yesterday and provided photographs the wildfire area.



Hudlow Fire is located just north of Hudlow Mountain and less than 1 mile east of the north end of Hayden Lake. Discovered early yesterday morning, it is approximately 10 acres in size. The fire is on National Forest lands, however Idaho Department of Lands has protection responsibility. As of this morning the fire is fully lined and 10% contained.

The Surprise Fire firefighters continue working to box-in a containment line around the entire fire area using the existing system of forest roads. The on-going contingency plans of creating indirect fire line will soon be complete.

The Rampike Fire had a spot-fire caused by heavy winds Tuesday. Two helicopters dropped water throughout the day yesterday and the spot is now held in check. A feller-buncher heavy equipment is working to build line around the 10 acre spot-fire and Fire Managers anticipate the containment line will be completed today. The fire is most active on the southeast corner however slow creeping fire is occurring around the entire perimeter.

Weather: Expect gusty winds and low relative humidity this afternoon and evening. Friday will continue to be breezy but temperatures will be cooler with higher humidity. Friday will also have a chance of thunderstorms in northern Idaho, near the BC border. The weekend will have below-normal temperatures with a chance of mountain showers.

<i>Uncontained Wildfires</i>				
<i>Ranger District</i>	<i>Fire Name</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Containment</i>
Coeur d'Alene River	Rampike	2400	45	0%
Coeur d'Alene River	Surprise Creek	2631	63	20%
St. Joe	Snow Peak	42	n/a	n/a
Sandpoint	Cougar	6655	125	24%
Bonnors Ferry	Copper Mtn.	260	2	25%
Bonnors Ferry	Smith Creek	903	7	5%