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No new wildfires were reported on the forest yesterday. The Idaho Panhandle Hotshots are headed to help with the Wapiti Fire on the Boise National Forest.

**Stage I Fire Restrictions will be rescinded on Friday at 12:01am (Thursday mid-night)**

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**Forest Closures:** The Hudlow Fire closure in Hayden Creek has been rescinded. All other closures remain in effect as firefighters are still working within the closure areas. [www.fs.fed.us/ipnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf)

**Inciweb** provides detailed information for the five wildfires currently uncontained on the Forest. Smith Creek and Copper Fires will be updated weekly or as warranted. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>

**Fire Managers are considering this weather event a “Season Slowing Event” and not the end of wildfire season in North Idaho.**

**High Fire Danger:** Wildfire managers in north Idaho downgraded the Fire Danger to “HIGH.” The National Wildfire Coordination Group located in Boise, Idaho defines ‘HIGH’ Fire Danger as: All fine dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes. Unattended brush and camp fires are likely to escape. Fires spread rapidly and short-distance spotting is common. High-intensity burning may develop on slopes or in concentrations of fine fuels. Fires may become serious and their control difficult unless they are attacked successfully while small.



**Preparedness Level 3:** Wildfire managers in north Idaho downgraded the Zone Preparedness Level to 3. Moving to this level indicates that mobilization of resources within the Zone is required to sustain incident management operations. Zone priorities are established daily as a necessary measure to address the heavy and persistent demand for shared resources across all Agencies. Significant wildland fire activity is occurring in multiple areas, with Incident Management Teams (IMTs) actively engaged. Mobilization of resources through the Geographic Area Coordination Center is moderate to heavy. Potential for emerging significant wildland fires is normal for the time of year.

**Air Quality:** The air quality alert that north Idaho has been under for several weeks has been cancelled. The arrival of a cooler and rainy weather pattern has brought significant improvement to the air quality. For the time being wildfire activity has decreased across Canada, Washington, Oregon and Idaho but wildfires have not been extinguished.

**Weather Forecast:** Thursday is anticipated to be partly cloudy. Temperature lows 44 to 51, highs 71 to 76 in the valleys, 61 to 71 mountains. Southwest wind will be 3 to 7 mph. Friday through Saturday will be mostly clear. Temperature lows 41 to 47 and highs 69 to 78 in the valleys, 62 to 72 in the mountains. South wind will remain 3 to 7 mph. The outlook for September 04 through 10 will be near normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.