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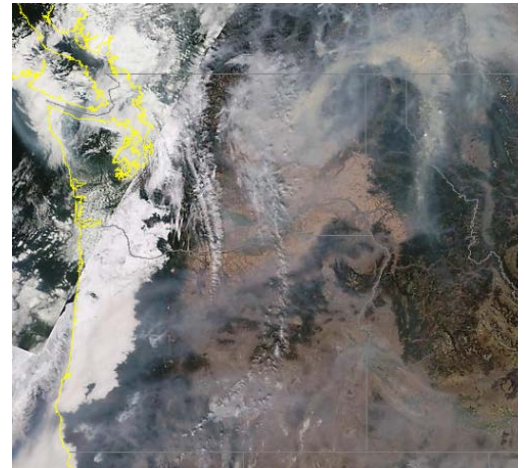
No new wildfires were reported on the forest yesterday.

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>

The Public Meeting hosted by the NIMO Team managing the Cougar Fire was well attended. Local Sheriff and Emergency Management personnel participated. About 75 community members listened and discussed issues and concerns.

Smoke Dispersion: Most of north Idaho is experiencing Moderate air quality which is considered acceptable, however groups of people who are sensitive to degraded air quality will be adversely affected especially in the northwest corner of the state. Forecasted weather systems may clear out the air shed allowing more smoke from the north to move in. Satellite Imagery source: <http://ge.ssec.wisc.edu/modis-today> (Aug. 23, 2018)



Pictures and Video of the Rampike Fire: Video taken by the Coeur d’Alene River District Fire Management Officer Wednesday has been posted to the Forest Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/USFSIPNF> It is insightful to see the fire from the air and gain an appreciation for the landscape and randomly located smoldering smoke plumes of this fire. The image to the right is the Rampike Fire perimeter as captured by the Infrared imagery last night displayed on top of Google Earth terrain imagery. The grey line diagonally crossing in the upper right corner of the image is the Idaho – Montana boundary line illustrating the proportion of the fire burning in each State. Fire Managers have repeatedly said over the past few days that the fire growth becomes halted on the Montana side due to a lack of fuel and abundant amount of rock outcroppings.



Hudlow Fire is 100% contained. Crews will work today to extinguish all interior smokes. Engines and crews will be released tomorrow for assignment to other incidents on the Forest.

Priest Lake Ranger District had been managing three small wildfires; Divide, Hungry and Mush; all three are now controlled. Remaining resources, except for local crews, will be mobilized for support to other incidents on the Forest.

The Surprise Fire firefighters continue working to box-in a containment line around the entire fire area using the existing system of forest roads. Winds were pushing from the southwest yesterday. The contingency line is staffed with firefighters ready to hold should the need arise.

Weather: Today will still be breezy but temperatures will be about 10 degrees cooler with higher humidity. There is a small chance of thunderstorms in extreme northern Idaho, near the BC border. A Weather system may bring rain on Sunday and Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday should be dry and breezy before another system brings some mountain showers on Thursday.

<i>Uncontained Wildfires</i>		
<i>Ranger District</i>	<i>Fire Name</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Coeur d’Alene River	Rampike	2750
Coeur d’Alene River	Surprise Creek	2930
St. Joe	Snow Peak	42
Sandpoint	Cougar	7437
Bonnors Ferry	Copper Mtn.	460
Bonnors Ferry	Smith Creek	903