

NASA image: Selway complex and Johnson Bar fires in Idaho

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NASA's Aqua satellite collected this natural-color image with the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer, MODIS, instrument. Actively burning areas, detected by MODIS's thermal bands, are outlined in red. Credit: Jeff Schmaltz LANCE/EOSDIS MODIS Rapid Response Team, GSFC.

Two fires are seen burning in this satellite image taken by the Aqua satellite on September 11, 2014. The Selway complex of fires had been previously reported located 30 miles west of Darby, MT. It appears a new fire may have started again in this complex. Currently the size of the complex is 1,659 fires. The fire is mostly contained and there will be no additional reporting on this fire unless activity increases. It is, for the most part, contained.

The Johnson Bar [fire](#) started with a lightning strike on August 03, 2014. To date, 8,867 acres have been affected. Warmer, drier weather this week will cause an increase in fire activity and smoke. Fire personnel are focused on keeping the fire from spreading by using lookouts to actively monitor the fire and by using helicopter water drops as necessary. The fire is currently 55% contained.

Provided by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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