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Wildfires Strike



PHOTO BY JASON WEAVER

A DC-10 drops fire retardant on a wildfire near Inkom Tuesday afternoon. The blaze was apparently started by fireworks, according to authorities. [Find more photos and video at idahostatejournal.com.](#)

Fireworks igniting lots of blazes in Southeast Idaho

By JOURNAL STAFF

Several wildfires have ignited in Southeast Idaho since Monday and nearly all of them were caused by fireworks.

This includes a blaze that burned over 200 acres near Inkom on Tuesday afternoon.

That fire required the deployment of a massive DC-10 tanker — a jetliner converted into a firefighting aircraft — to keep the flames from destroying several nearby homes.

The fires on Monday and Tuesday threatened multiple buildings but none of the blazes resulted in evacuations or injuries. In addition to the wildfire near Inkom, there were four brush fires in the area of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, one brush fire in Chubbuck, one in Pocatello and one in McCammon.

All but two of the blazes were caused by fireworks, authorities said.

The fire that started near the Mormon church on Rapid Creek Road east of Inkom was by far the largest of the fires and had the potential to do the most damage.

The fire was reported around 1:45 p.m. Tuesday after a group of children had shot illegal bottle rockets that landed on the hill adjacent to the Mormon church, setting the hillside ablaze.

Fortunately the fire traveled up



IDAHO STATE JOURNAL PHOTO

Firefighters battle a blaze near Inkom on Tuesday. The fire was started by juveniles shooting bottle rockets, authorities said.

the hill and away from the church. But the flames threatened several nearby houses, causing dozens of firefighters to be deployed to the scene along with several airplanes and helicopters.

A crew of elite Hot Shot firefighters responded to the blaze, along with volunteer firefighters from Inkom and other nearby communities and several Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management firefighters.

The DC-10 flew several sorties in an attempt to stop the spread of the flames, but as of 7 p.m. Tuesday the fire had charred over 200 acres and was still not contained.

However, it was burning away from nearby houses and firefighters seemed confident that they could keep it headed deeper into the mountains to the north and away from homes.

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Pocatello native, wife, still imprisoned in Venezuela

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A Pocatello native and his new wife, who are accused of being American spies, are still in jail in Venezuela and are expected to be there for some time, according to family members.

Joshua Holt, 24, and his bride, Thamara Belen Caleño Candelo, 25, were arrested on June 30. Police allegedly discovered a hand grenade and M4 and AK-47 assault rifles in their apartment in Ciudad Caribia, Venezuela.

"They are still being held there for at least 45 more days. That's all we really know," said Laurie Holt, Joshua's mother. "At the end of 45 days, they will relook at it."

According to Laurie, Thamara's family members saw the evidence being planted. She believes that's what happened.

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Brenna Patterson, 10, left, her sister, Ava, and Tommy Astaldi were part of a team that participated in a triathlon Saturday morning at the Portneuf Wellness Complex. Brenna swam 500 yards in the lake, Ava did the 5K run and Tommy road a 12K mountain bike race.

Grace Lutheran School well represented at Pocatello Triathlon

By DEBBIE BRYCE
For the Journal

POCATELLO — Grace Lutheran School was well represented during the Pocatello Triathlon on Saturday. They were the youngest athletes to compete in the event and cheered each other on to the finish line.

The relay team was comprised of swimmer Brenna Patterson, 10, cyclist Tommy Astaldi, 11, and 12-year-old runner Ava Patterson.

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