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Panther Fire on the Salmon-Challis National Forest

The Panther Fire was reported Friday evening about 22 miles northwest of Salmon. The fire is just west of Panther Creek near Birch Creek about 8 miles above the confluence with the Main Salmon River. Saturday morning the fire was reported at 40 to 50 acres burning in grass and downed timber within the 2000 Clear Creek Fire.

Friday night the Forest Service responded by sending 2 engines and a hand crew. By early afternoon Saturday there were an additional 2 helicopters, 2 single-engine airtankers, 3 hotshot crews, 12 smokejumpers, and 2 engines from the Salmon Rural Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire fighters are optimistic about their ability to contain and control the fire. However temperatures are predicted to be in the 90s today with scattered showers and thundershowers and possible strong gusty winds. A cold front is expected to pass through the area Sunday with much cooler temperatures and a greater chance of showers.

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