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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 Salmon River. One hundred and thirty seven people were working on the ground Saturday and Sunday to contain the fire which included a strike team of engines working to protect private property structures, a team of smokejumpers and four hand crews working to mop up the fire inside the fire line and fall hazardous trees.

Precipitation over the weekend kept the fire at 50 acres in grass and downed timber within the 2000 Clear Creek Fire.

With the fire declared controlled early Monday morning, several crews will be released from the fire leaving forty three people – one engine crew and two hand crews – to finish mop up work. Management of the fire will be transitioned from a Type III to a local Type IV Team on Tuesday morning.

Scattered afternoon thundershowers are predicted for Monday afternoon with cooler temperatures in the 70's. Tuesday, however, is predicted to warmer and drier with a reduced likelihood of thunderstorms.

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