



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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FIRE SUMMARY JULY 22, 2024

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **VERY HIGH** Fire Danger

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Salmon, Idaho- July 22, 2024- There was one (1) new fire reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest in the last week. To date, there have been ten (10) wildfires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eight (8) of the fires have been declared out.

Mayfield (July 19): The lightning fire is located approximately 27 miles northwest of Challis northwest of Mayfield Peak on the Middle Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The 0.10 acre fire is burning in a single tree in a steep, rugged, scabby, and rocky terrain at approximately 9,000 feet. A helicopter dropped buckets on the fire on Saturday. A small amount of smoke was showing on the fire this morning.

Loon (July 7): The lightning fire is located approximately 38 miles northwest of Challis in the West Fork of Little Loon Creek on the Middle Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The five (5) acre fire burning in grass, brush, and timber is 100% contained and controlled.

Weather: Isolated to scattered dry thunderstorms are likely through Wednesday. Wind gusts to 50 mph are possible near storms. Wind gusts outside storms are expected to remain less than 20 mph today and Tuesday. Wind gusts to 20 mph are likely on Wednesday with marginally critical humidities.

The forest is asking visitors to be aware of the **VERY HIGH** fire danger for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands, and Bureau of Land Management in east-central Idaho are in Stage 1 fire restrictions. The Central Idaho Fire Restrictions Area encompasses those portions of Custer County that are north and east of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness) and that portion of Lemhi County that is not federal land designated as wilderness. One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire. Since June 1, Forest employees have found and extinguished at least 13 abandoned campfires.

Nationally, there are 61 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 5 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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