



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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FIRE SUMMARY AUGUST 5, 2024

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **VERY HIGH** Fire Danger
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Salmon, Idaho- August 5, 2024- There have been three (3) new fires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the last update on Monday, July 29, 2024. To date, there have been 18 wildfires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. 12 of the fires have been declared out.

Withington Fire: Forest Service resources are assisting the Bureau of Land Management with fire suppression efforts. The one (1) acre is 100% contained and controlled.

Ditch (August 4): is located approximately 5.5 miles west of Gibbonsville, approximately two (2) miles south of Allen Mountain on the North Fork Ranger District. The ½ acre fire is burning in spruce and fir. The fire is 100% contained, firefighters continue to look for hot spots.

Twin (August 4): The lightning fire is located approximately five (5) miles north of Gibbonsville on the ridge to the north of Twin Creeks Campground on the North Fork Ranger District. The fire is 100% contained, firefighters continue to look for hot spots.

Pony (August 3): The fire is located approximately nine (9) miles west of Salmon on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. Two (2) crews, one (1) engine, and four (4) firefighters have the fire lined and continue with mop up. The fire, burning in lodgepole pine, remains at approximately 10 acres.

Deer (July 25): The lightning fire is located approximately 33 miles northwest of Challis, southeast of Pinyon Peak on the Middle Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Loon Creek Guard Station is east of the fire. The fire, burning in grass and conifers is estimated at approximately 52 acres. The fire is burning on both side of Rabbit Creek, in the 2006 Trail Creek Fire. Fire managers are using a point protection strategy (a wildfire response strategy, which protects specific assets or highly valued resources from the wildfire without directly halting the continued spread of the wildfire) to minimize exposure to fire personnel while protecting identified values. The strategy takes into account exposure to firefighters, values at risk, and wilderness values. Specific values potentially threatened with this fire include private land and Forest Service infrastructure.

Thunder (July 24): The lightning fire is located approximately two (2) miles northwest of Williams Lake and approximately 12 miles southwest of Salmon. The fire is 50% contained and estimated to be 2,474 acres in size and is burning in timber, sagebrush, and grass. Crews are spread along the fire's edge mopping up and addressing hot spots in areas of concern. Due to current and predicted fire activity, the fire will be updated weekly unless significant activity occurs. Further information can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/idscf-thunder-fire>.

Ajax (July 24): The lightning fire is located approximately 13 miles northeast of Salmon, approximately one (1) mile northwest of Ajax Peak on the east side of the Carmen Creek drainage on the North Fork Ranger District. The Ajax Fire is estimated at four (4) acres and is 100% contained and controlled, with the fire in patrol status.

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 out.

Weather: ...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FROM NOON TODAY TO MIDNIGHT MDT TONIGHT FOR SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS... The next round of showers and storms will ramp up early this afternoon and continue through the evening. There will be a mix of wet and dry storms, with gusts over 45 mph expected. The strongest storms may produce gusts near 60 mph. We will see a mix of gusty winds, low humidity, and isolated dry storms across the central mountains Tuesday.

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 85 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 9 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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