



## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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### FIRE SUMMARY AUGUST 12, 2024

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **VERY HIGH** Fire Danger  
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**Salmon, Idaho- August 12, 2024-** There have been 11 new fires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the last update on Monday, August 5, 2024. To date, there have been 29 wildfires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. 21 of the fires have been declared out.

Patterson (August 11): is located approximately 14 miles east of May on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire is a single snag burning in a rock scree on a cliff.

Greyhound (August 11): is located approximately 46 miles northwest of Challis on the Middle Fork Ranger District. The one (1) acre fire is burning in subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. The fire is backing down until Sulphur Creek at the edge 2021 Boundary Creek Fire.

Castle (August 11): is located approximately 33 miles southwest of Salmon on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. The 0.25 acre fire burning in grass, brush, and fir is 100% contained and controlled.

Eagle (August 10): is located approximately nine (9) miles northeast of North Fork on the North Fork Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire burning in a down log is out.

Perreau (August 10): The Salmon-Challis National Forest assisted with suppression efforts on this fire located on Bureau of Land Management land. The 0.10 acre fire is 100% contained and controlled.

Fairview (August 10): is located approximately 28 miles southeast of May on the Lost River Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire burning in spruce/fir is out.

Cobalt: (August 8): is located approximately 16 miles southwest of Salmon. The 0.10 acre fire is out.

Rattlesnake (August 5): is located approximately six (6) miles west of Yellowjacket Lake in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The 0.10 acre fire is burning in a snag, grass, and brush is out.

Elkhorn Ridge (August 6): is located on the Bitterroot National Forest and is approximately 2,482 acres in size and continues to move to the north, east, and west but the fire has not crossed the Salmon River to the south. The fire is showing minimal activity near the river's edge and is primarily growing to the north, away from the river. The western edge of the fire has moved onto Thirsty Ridge and the eastern edge is backing down into Dwyer Creek. Structure protection is in place for Lantz Bar, and Blacky Forest Cabin/River of No Return Lodge. Additional information can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-elkhorn-ridge>.

Deep (August 5): is located approximately 12 miles southwest of Salmon on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire is burning is out.

Davis: (August 5): is located approximately 13 miles northeast of Salmon on the North Fork Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire in subalpine fir is out.

Black Eagle (August 5): is located approximately 12 miles west of Forney on the North Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The three (3) acre fire is burning in lodgepole and subalpine fir. Minimal smoke was observed during yesterday's flight over the fire area.

Cool (August 5): is located approximately 6.5 miles north of Gibbonsville on the North Fork Ranger District. The 1/10 acre fire is burning in a down log is out.

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 is out.

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 burning in an open timber stand is out.

Pony (August 3): The fire is located approximately nine (9) miles west of Salmon on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District burning in lodgepole pine is 100% contained and controlled 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.

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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 100% contained and estimated to be 2,474 acres in size and is burning in timber, sagebrush, and grass.

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.

**Weather:** A Pacific trough has moved onshore this morning and will bring several fronts across central Idaho through Tuesday. This will support isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms each day with the best coverage expected on Tuesday as a cooler airmass settles in midweek. Red Flag Warnings may be needed Tuesday to capture this scattered thunderstorm coverage. Daily, isolated precipitation chances will then continue through Friday ahead of drier conditions returning for the weekend.

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 78 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 12 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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