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Fire Update

MULDOON FIRE UPDATE

August 17, 2020

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at VERY HIGH Fire Danger.
Currently, No FIRE RESTRICTIONS on the Salmon-Challis National Forest

On InciWeb @ https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6984/

Date of Detection: August 16, 2020

Current Size: 200+ acres

Location: 20 miles southwest of Mackay

Cause: Unknown/under investigation

Fuels: Timber

Resources on Fire: 54 personnel

Table with 5 columns: Type I Crew, Type I Helicopters, Type II Helicopters, Type III Helicopters, Engines. Values: 1, 1, 1, 2, 4

Current Status: The Muldoon Fire, reported yesterday, August 16 at approximately 4:00 p.m. is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Mackay; 1/2 mile east and south of Star Hope Campground on the Lost River Ranger District. The cause of the fire is unknown and is under investigation. The fire is greater than 200 acres burning in timber (lodgepole pine and fir). Fire behavior yesterday was extreme with short crown runs, wind driven runs, and group torching. This morning, the fire is creeping and smoldering; fire managers expect fire activity to increase as the day progresses.

The fire is in rugged terrain with presence of numerous snags, firefighters are engaging in direct line construction where safe to do so. Aircraft will be used when possible to help minimize fire growth. Additional resources are on order and will begin arriving today. A local Type III organization is managing the fire.

Weather: ...HOT TEMPERATURES CONTINUE WITH AN INCREASING CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS THROUGH MIDWEEK... High pressure will keep hot conditions going through midweek and beyond. Monsoon moisture steadily increases through at least Wednesday. The chance of wetting rain will peak Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday.

If you are recreating or live near an ongoing wildfire suppression operation, please keep your distance - do not congregate in the area and allow the firefighters to do their job safely and efficiently.

While the Salmon-Challis National Forest looks green, fire danger is a concern. Fires can start quickly and will burn in vegetation that seems green but is drying out.

A campfire can be one of the best parts of camping or provide necessary warmth to forest visitors. Don't forget it is your responsibility to maintain and extinguish your campfire to prevent wildfires. Remember, if it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave; pour water and add dirt to your campfire until it is cold. One spark is all it takes to start a wildfire.

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