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News Release

CENTRAL IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA IMPLEMENTS STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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

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Interagency fire management officials in east-central Idaho will begin Stage 1 fire restrictions, **effective at one minute after midnight (12:01 AM) on August 21, 2020**. The Central Idaho Fire Restrictions Area encompasses all Forest Service lands (outside of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and Jim McClure Jerry Peak Wilderness) within the Salmon-Challis National Forest which is within the Central Idaho Dispatch Zone.

Stage 1 fire restrictions apply to campfires and smoking. Under Stage 1 restrictions, the following acts are prohibited:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the agency.
2. Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building.

Exceptions to the above Stage 1 prohibitions include the following:

1. Persons with a special use authorization, other Forest Service authorization, or a written permit specifically exempting them from the effect of the order
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is fueled solely by liquid petroleum fuels
3. Persons using a stove fire (defined in the order)
4. Persons using metal fire pans within ¼ mile of the south side of the Main Salmon River
5. Persons smoking while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty



Under these restrictions, campfires are allowed only in recreation sites within metal/concrete fire pits. The restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant change in fire danger.

Fire danger across east-central Idaho is VERY HIGH. Rangelands and forested lands at all elevations are dry. As we continue through the fire year, land managers across the country are constantly assessing fire conditions and risk factors, including COVID-19, that may impact our ability to respond to wildfires. Fire management officials are hopeful that by initiating Stage 1 fire restrictions, there will be fewer person-caused wildland fires.

If you are planning a visit to public lands in these areas, please check with the Salmon-Challis Ranger District offices <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/> for the latest information or visit www.idahofireinfo.com.

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