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Fire Update

FIRE UPDATE

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The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **VERY HIGH** Fire Danger.
Salmon-Challis National Forest is in **Stage I Fire Restrictions**

The Bartlett Fire, reported on August 23, is located approximately 17 miles northwest of Mackay, on the Lost River Ranger District. The fire is approximately 0.1 acres burning in timber. Firefighters called the fire contained the evening of August 23.

The Muldoon Fire is being managed by a local Type IV organization. The fire is at 85% containment and holding at 374 acres. Fire activity is minimal. 29 personnel are staffing the fire including a Type II crew and two engines. No closures are in place for the Muldoon Fire. If you are recreating 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. The Muldoon Fire can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6984/>.

WEATHER: Smoke from fires across the west will persist across central Idaho, perhaps through the week. Isolated thunderstorms are forecast to develop this afternoon and continue through tonight. Activity should settle down Tuesday morning before showers and thunderstorms re-develop Tuesday afternoon. Thunderstorm coverage could approach scattered Tuesday afternoon and evening. Additional thunderstorms are expected Wednesday and Thursday, with coverage gradually trending down each day. Thunderstorms will initially be dry, then become a mix of wet/dry by Tuesday with gusty and erratic winds, along with the potential for local wetting rains Tuesday.

RESTRICTIONS: *Stage I Fire Restrictions* are in effect for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. 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 are in Stage I Restrictions. More information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Y7kIYY>. A copy of the Fire Restrictions Order can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3gah8xZ>.

Nationally, there are 96 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 18 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression. These fires are contributing to the smoke, which is drifting into the valleys around the Forest. The public can find further information on smoke at <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <https://arcs.is/1Wy8jS>.

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