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# Fire Update

## FIRE UPDATE

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

The Forge Fire; reported August 26 is located approximately seven (7) miles southwest of Yellowjacket Guard Station in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the North Fork Ranger District. The fire remains approximately two (2) acres in size and is burning in lodgepole pine. Fire activity continues to be minimal. Due to heavy fuel loading, the presence of numerous snags (a standing dead tree or part of a dead tree), and the potential for rollout, firefighters have been unable to directly engage the fire. Middle Fork Peak Lookout is monitoring the fire.

The Muldoon Fire is 100% contained at 374 acres. Firefighters continue to monitor the fire. No closures are in place for the Muldoon Fire. If you are hunting or 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 Bear Fire; reported August 27 was located approximately 2 miles south of the confluence of Panther Creek and the Main Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the North Fork Ranger District. Firefighters have called the one (1) acre grass fire out the afternoon of August 28.

The Hooley Fire; reported August 27 was located approximately 18 miles west of Arco on the Lost River Ranger District. Firefighters have called the 0.1 acre fire burning in Douglas fir is 100% contained and controlled as of August 28.

The Meyers Fire; reported August 27 was located approximately ¾ of a mile southwest of Meyers Cove in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. Firefighters called the 0.1 acre fire burning in Douglas fir out the morning of August 28.

The Woodtick Fire; reported August 26 was located approximately seven and a half (7.5) miles northwest of Meyers Cove in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the North Fork Ranger District. Firefighters called the seven (7) acre grass fire out the morning of August 28.

The Dutchler Fire; reported August 26 was located approximately two (2) miles west of Indianola, just north of the River Road on the North Fork Ranger District. Firefighters called the 0.25 acre fire burning in grass and Ponderosa pine out the morning of August 27.

The Bartlett Fire, reported on August 23, was located approximately 17 miles northwest of Mackay, on the Lost River Ranger District. Firefighters called the 0.1 acre fire burning in timber out the morning of August 24.

**WEATHER:** Rain with light snow showers above 7500ft are expected today. Rainfall in valley locations could reach 0.20 inches with mountain totals closer 0.35 inches in some spots. Snowfall could reach 1 inch at highest elevations. For tonight, lows drop into the 30s to near 40 in the valleys with 20s and 30s in the mountains. Otherwise, high pressure builds with a return to hot and dry conditions through next weekend.

**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>.

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Nationally, there are 81 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 22 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression. These fires are contributing to the smoke, which is has been drifting into the valleys around the Forest. The public can find further information on smoke at <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <https://arcg.is/1Wy8jS>.

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