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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. Fire activity is minimal and the fire remains approximately two (2) acres in size and is burning in lodgepole pine. 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 Hooley Fire; reported August 27 was located approximately 18 miles west of Arco on the Lost River Ranger District. Firefighters called the 0.1 acre fire burning in Douglas fir out on September 1.

The Swauger Fire; reported September 3 was located approximately 13 miles north of Mackay on the Lost River Ranger District. Firefighters called the 0.1 acre fire burning in spruce and fir out on September 4.

WEATHER: Locally windy conditions continue this morning but the general trend through the day will be for winds to subside. Although winds may exceed critical thresholds, especially early today, humidities will remain elevated most areas. Expect cool temperatures today and cold temperatures overnight tonight. Many locations could see temperatures at or just below freezing tonight. The trend for the remainder of the week will be drier and warmer.

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 70 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 29 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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