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Fire Update

FIRE UPDATE

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

The Meridian Fire; reported this morning, October 5, is located approximately 22 miles south of Clayton in the Hunter Creek area on the Lost River Ranger District. The fire is approximately 12 acres burning in Douglas fir and grass. Multiple helicopters and an engine are responding with additional resources on order. Cause is unknown.

The Bull Fire; reported October 3, is located approximately 11 miles southeast of Leadore in the Bull Creek area on the Leadore Ranger District. The 0.10 acre fire is burning subalpine fir. The fire is in steep and inaccessible terrain and is being monitored by firefighters.

The Trap Fire; reported on September 14 on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, approximately 9 miles northwest of Stanley, is also burning on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The 2,285 acre fire is burning in lodgepole pine and grass and is 100% contained. The fire can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7204/>.

WEATHER: High pressure rebuilds starting tomorrow and will hold in place until the end of the week. Expect lowering humidity, including poor overnight recovery within the thermal belt. A major pattern shift takes place over the weekend, as low pressure brings cooler weather along with potential wetting rains and high elevation snowfall.

Nationally, there are 35 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 33 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression. These fires are contributing to the smoke, which has been drifting into the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the valleys around the Forest. The public can find further information on smoke at <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com>.

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