



Elevenmile Fire

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Department of Agriculture

Forest Service  
Salmon - Challis National Forest  
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**Challis, Idaho:**

**Date of Detection:** August 24, 2015

**Current Size:** 10,451 acres

**Location:** 15 miles West of Challis, Idaho

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 55%

**Resources:**

Crews: 3

Helicopters: 2

Engines: 3

Total Personnel: 286

**Summary:**

A transfer in command to the Salmon-Challis National Forest Type 3 organization (Bartel, Incident Commander) took place at 6:00 a.m. This smaller fire organization will continue to meet objectives of fire fighter and public safety, while continuing to monitor current activity and take immediate action if the fire grows in an unwanted direction.

The majority of today's work will take place in the upper half of Yankee Fork. Fire fighters will continue to monitor the entire fire area and mop up the northeastern side of the fire. A crew will work on the Elevenmile Trail to clear downfall and mitigate hazards caused by the fire. Engine crews will continue to patrol and monitor the Custer Motorway for fire activity and continue rehabilitation work on helispots and fire lines. All operational staff will base out of the Bonanza area to mitigate risks associated with driving and provide for quick response to the areas where work is being completed.

Fire activity might increase slightly as conditions warm and dry through the weekend with residual heat in upper portions of the Yankee Fork drainage and the northern side of the fire. Smoke may be visible as this occurs. The fire will continue to be allowed to move north towards the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

Warm and dry conditions will persist. Today, temperatures are expected to range in the mid-seventies with light variable winds, and some gusts to 15 miles per hour (MPH) in the afternoon.

*An area closure is still in effect to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the Elevenmile Fire.*

- *The Custer Motorway (FS Road #070) is closed at the Eightmile Campground and at Mill Creek Campground.*
- *Mosquito Flat and Eight Mile Campgrounds are OPEN.*
- *All designated state, county, and forest roads and trails defining the perimeter of the closure area are OPEN.*

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