



TEAM WHALEN
Interagency
Type II
Incident Management Team

Fire Information: 877-683-1184

July 31st Indian Fire Update

Mid-day cloud cover raised humidity levels aiding firefighters in their continued efforts to mop-up and rehabilitate fire lines. Yesterday's observed fire behavior was interior creeping in light fuels and smoldering in heavier fuels inside the interior of the fire perimeter. The Indian Fire is 93 percent contained at 1694 acres, with full containment expected during next week.

Crews continued with chipping operations on the Sage Creek Road and began chipping on the Indian Creek Road, running the chippers from approximately 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. to reduce noise disturbance to local residents. Materials being chipped were created when contingency lines were constructed along these roads. Chipping will continue Sunday.

Pulling of hose lays, pumps and fire accessories from around residences along roads also kept crews busy today. A number of fire resources are fully engaged in fire line rehabilitation efforts, stabilizing and water barring fire lines against erosion.

Sunday, additional crews, fire equipment, and overhead personnel will be released. A Type 4 Incident Management Team will be shadowing Whalen's Team Monday, August 1, in preparation for a transition to return management of the fire to the Salmon-Challis National Forest on Tuesday at 6:00 a.m.

On July 23, the Salmon-Challis National Forest officials issued an emergency road closure in the immediate fire area to provide protection to forest visitors from the current safety hazards, such as rolling rocks and fire traffic on narrow roads. This closure remains in effect. Roads affected include Sage Creek Rd, Indian Creek Rd, and roads East of Squaw Creek Rd. Visit <http://www.inciweb.org> to view the closure order, emergency road closure map, and additional fire data.

This will be the last update posted on public bulletin boards. For continued information about the fire visit <http://www.inciweb.org> or call the Salmon-Challis National Forest, North Fork Ranger District at 208-865-2700.

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