

# Salt Fire Update

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Salmon-Challis National Forest

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**Date Started:** 8/25/2011  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Size:** 1,000 acres  
**Percent Contained:** 0%  
**Resources:** 5 Helicopters;  
2 Engines; 5 Crews; 1 Dozer

**Total Personnel:** 117  
**Residences:** 0 threatened, 0 destroyed  
**Commercial Property:** 0 threatened; 0 destroyed  
**Outbuildings:** 1 threatened; 0 destroyed  
**Injuries to Date:** 0

## **Location:**

The Salt Fire is burning near Moyer Peak, approximately 16 miles southwest of Salmon, Idaho.

## **Overview:**

Since the Salt Fire started, firefighters have been unable to work on fire suppression from the ground because of the high risk to their safety. The fire is burning in very dense timber with a high concentration of beetle-killed trees. Yesterday's increased cloud cover brought slightly cooler temperatures and higher humidity, which allowed aerial operations to be more effective in fighting the fire. Air tankers and helicopters were both busy throughout the day dropping retardant and water on all portions of the fire. Ground crews are standing by prepared to fight the fire once safe access can be gained.

A Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team was requested to assist with the firefighter operations and logistics. They arrived yesterday afternoon and assumed command of the fire at 6:00 AM this morning.

The Woodtick is less than a mile away from the most active edge of the Salt Fire and is still estimated at 1 acre. No suppression action has been taken on this fire because its proximity to the rapidly growing Salt Fire makes it unsafe to staff with personnel. Instead, it will also be managed by the Great Basin Team.

The fire did not burn as actively last night as it did Friday night. Firefighters will use today's cooler temperatures and higher humidity to try to insert ground troops into the fire.

## **Closures and Restrictions:**

Areas South of Deep Creek Road #101 from Williams Creek Summit, Road #021 to Panther Creek Road. **Panther Creek road #055 and Deep Creek Road #101 will remain open.** All areas east of Panther Creek Road #055 to Moyer Creek Road # 103. All areas East of Moyer Creek Road #103 to the South Fork of Moyer Creek. All areas North of Taylor Mountain including Iron Lake until it's connection to Iron Creek. **Hat Creek and Opal Lakes will remain open.** All areas North and West of Iron Creek to the intersection of West Fork Iron Creek, Forest Road #046 and North Fork Iron Creek, Road #045. All areas West of North Fork Iron Creek Road #045 (AKA Degan Mountain Road #029) to the Ridge Road #020. Continuing along the Ridge Road #020 to Williams Creek Summit. Iron Creek Road #045, Forest Service Road #046 and Ridge Road from Iron Creek Road to Williams Creek Summit will all be closed.