



Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Update 29 August 2011



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*******RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED FOR TODAY FOR *****
THUNDERSTORMS AND GUSTY OUTFLOW WINDS**

One new fire has been reported this morning in the vicinity of Stormy Peak Lookout. A helicopter has been dispatched to obtain an initial fire update.

SALT FIRE: Is currently reported at 1,210 acres and the most significant growth has been toward the West. The fire is 5 percent contained. A helicopter recon will be flown this morning to determine the best way to access the fire with crews. Due to beetle-killed trees the fire is burning as if in a drought condition therefore lending the fire to a high probability of more intense fire behavior.

COPPER FIRE: Has been contained at 14.7 acres as of last Friday with fire resources tentatively planned to leave the fire 6:00 this evening.

SHIP ISLAND FIRE: The 45 acre fire is burning in steep, rocky terrain about 3.5 miles above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Firefighters have not been placed on the fire because of the high safety risks. A local Type 3 Team is in place on the fire to monitor its progress and evaluate the actions necessary to minimize the impact to those on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

OTHER FIRES:

The **Stormy Devil Fire**, which was discovered yesterday morning, has been determined to be on the Bitter Root National Forest in Montana. The Salmon-Challis Forest has lent fire resources to aide in the suppression of this fire. No other information is available.

The **Lake Mountain Fire** is currently at one tenth acre and contained. However, due to the proximity of the Salt Fire, fire managers have chosen not to staff this fire to due risk to firefighter safety.

In addition to the Saddle Complex, there are six other fires burning on the Forest which are all in the wilderness and being managed for resource benefit:

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| ○ Velvet Fire | 200 | Middle Fork Ranger District |
| ○ Alpine | 5 acres | North Fork Ranger District |
| ○ Wilson | 3.5 acres | North Fork Ranger District |
| ○ Bighorn | 1 acre | North Fork Ranger District |
| ○ Goat | .25 acres | North Fork Ranger District |
| ○ South Sheep | .1 acre | North Fork Ranger District |