



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Fire Update

30 August 2011



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There were three new fires reported yesterday for the forest and no new fires as of this morning.

The **Virginia Fire** was contained at 1/10 acre and was declared controlled this morning at 8:45 am. Fire fighters will be leaving the fire today.

The **Hull Fire** is 1 ½ acres and was contained yesterday and control is of the fire is anticipated later today. Currently there are two engines and four helitack working the fire.

The **West Sage Fire** is 1/10 acre and was reported last night. An engine crew is hiking in this morning to begin suppression efforts. At this time there is no containment or control times estimated.

SALT FIRE: Is currently reported at 2, 635 acres and grew significantly toward the West yesterday with an estimated three-mile run. The fire is 5 percent contained. Winds are forecast to increase and move from a west-northwest direction to a southwest which will allow the fire to burn in different directions. 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. www.inciweb.org/incident/2538/

COPPER FIRE: Has been contained at 14.7 acres and all resources have left the fire except eight smokejumpers that will leave later today. www.inciweb.org/incident/2538/

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. It has been perceived to have grown a few acres but a recon flight has been scheduled for today to assess fire perimeter and fire activity. 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. www.inciweb.org/incident/2538/

OTHER FIRES:

The Idaho portion of the **Saddle Complex** to have minimal continues fire spread and is still being managed for resource benefit. www.inciweb.org/incident/2496/

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 |