



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Fire Update

31 August 2011



Contact Fire Information: 208-756-5204

There were no new fires reported on the forest yesterday and no red flag warnings have been issued on the Salmon-Challis. Two twenty-person handcrews are available on the Forest for initial attack on new fires as necessary.

SALT FIRE: The Salt Fire is currently reported at 4,679 acres and had another day of significant growth toward the north east for a 2,000 acre gain in acreage from the day before. The fire is 5 percent contained at this time. A cold front is forecast to move into the area today and tonight bringing higher humidity, lower temperatures, and southwesterly winds with gusts to 35. 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: The fire has been controlled at 14.7 acres with no resources remaining on the fire. This will be the last update for this fire.

SHIP ISLAND FIRE: A helicopter flew the fire yesterday for recon and showed the fire has increased slowly to 65 acres and 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 Idaho portion of the **Saddle Complex** continues to have minimal fire spread and is still being managed for resource benefit.

There are six other fires burning on the Forest which are all in the wilderness and being managed for resource benefit:

- 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

For more information on area closures and on fires burning on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, visit <http://www.inciweb.org/unit/46/>.