



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Fire Update

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There was one new fire on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The **Black Canyon Fire** is 5 ½ miles Northeast of Howe, ID and was reported yesterday around 5:00 PM. As of last night it was 1000 acres and was reported to have burned actively through the night. The fire started in Black Canyon drainage and has burned from the Salmon-Challis National Forest into the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Firefighters are working to keep it from burning onto BLM land at this time. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered to manage the fire and will be meeting in Mackay, ID today at 2:00 PM at the Mackay Fire House. Currently there is a local Type 3 Incident Commander on the fire.

Two 20-person handcrews are currently staged in Salmon and available for initial attack as needed.

SALT FIRE: Continues to burn actively and was reported at 7,960 from last night. The portable retardant bases are still in operation in Salmon for helicopters and in Challis for Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs).

Resources: 7 Helicopters; 14 Crews; 10 Engines; 6 Dozers; 514 Total Personnel

SHIP ISLAND FIRE: The Ship Island Fire is 68 acres. The fire is burning in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, about 3.5 miles upstream from the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. It is being allowed to play its natural role in the ecosystem. A Type 3 Incident Management Team is overseeing the implementation of this strategy.

Resources: 1 Crew; 16 Total Personnel

SADDLE COMPLEX: The Idaho portion of the **Saddle Complex** has seen minimal growth in the past several days as it continues to creep downhill and make short uphill runs. The total acreage is now 26,738, and 12,797 of that is in Idaho. The Phoenix National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) has transitioned off the Saddle Complex and a Type 3 Incident Commander is now overseeing operations on the fire.

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