



Salmon-Challis National Forest Mustang Complex Update August 24, 2012 8:00 am



Mustang Complex
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Fire Information: 208-865-2207 (NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER)

E-mail: scnf.fire.info@gmail.com

Start Date: July 30, 2012

Cause: Lightning

Current Size: 118,220 acres

Containment: 9%

Location: Main Salmon River, 28 air miles west of North Fork, Idaho.

Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Salmon-Challis National Forest

Resources: 543 personnel, including 9 hand crews, 34 engines, 6 dozers, and 2 helicopters.

Community Meeting: A community meeting is not schedule at this time.

Incident Command Post Relocation: The Incident Command Post for the Mustang Complex has relocated to the community of North Fork. The Fire Information telephone number has changed; it is now 208-865-2207.

Forecast: A Red Flag Warning for gusty winds and low relative humidity is in effect until 10:00 pm. A dry cold front will push across the Mustang Complex this morning. Gusty winds will shift to the west and northwest after noon today. Some enhanced channeling of higher winds will be possible in exposed west-to-east drainages. A temperature inversion is expected to develop tonight with terrain driven winds after midnight.

Remarks: No structures have been lost at this time. Fuels in the fire area are very dry. Mandatory evacuations of residents in the Spring Creek and Indian Creek drainages were implemented yesterday. A pre-evacuation order has been issued for Gibbonsville, south to and including North Fork. The Mustang Fire is currently in the Spring Creek drainage. The Mustang Fire and the Lost Packer Fire have burned together at the upper ends of the fires, and is expected to continue to burn together down to the Salmon River. The Mustang Fire backed downslope toward the river at Shoup but did not burn structures in this area. Fire has moved toward the Gattin Ranch but has not reached the ranch. Firefighters and residents at the Gattin Ranch are prepared to self-evacuate as necessary. The Mustang Fire is moving to the northeast toward Blue Nose Lookout. The Lost Packer Fire spread to the west, east, and north yesterday; throughout the evening it reached Fern Creek on the west side of the fire. This west side of the Lost Packer Fire is approximately 4 miles east of Lantz Bar.

Homeowner Preparedness: For suggestions on how to prepare around your home for wildfires visit the Ready, Set, Go website at www.wildlandfirersg.org and the Firewise website at www.firewise.org

Salmon River Access: Launches are once again being made at the Corn Creek launch site. The Salmon River remains open to rafting and jet boat recreationists. All recreationists are required to stop at the North Fork Ranger Station before proceeding down river. The Salmon River road remains open to local residents and river recreationists. The public is discouraged from using the road due to heavy use associated with fire suppression and rolling debris. Area closures are in effect to protect the public from hazards associated with the fires. For information on the area closures, visit <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/closures/3100/>.

Air Quality: Poor air qualities resulting from smoke in many of the areas is a cause for concern. For more information on smoke, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>

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