

# Salmon-Challis National Forest

## Halstead Fire Update

### August 25, 2012 - 0900

Fire Information: 208-774-0011

Start Date: July 27, 2012

Cause: Lightning

Current Size: **100,401 acres**

Containment: **7%**

Location: Approx. 18 miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho

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

Resources on the fire: **549 personnel, including 7 hand crews, 33 engines, and 6 helicopters**

Forecast: **A weak ridge of high pressure will build over the area today resulting in slightly warmer temperatures and still very low humidity. Temperatures are forecast for the low 70's and humidity should be around 10 percent. Wind gusts will be up to 20mph and come from the west and southwest.**

Remarks: **There was quite a bit of activity on the southern and eastern portions of the fire. A night shift worked the fire and continued to slow the fire's progression towards Highway 75. There were four C-130's (military planes) equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) which hold nearly 3,000 gallons of retardant that worked with our 6 helicopters until the smoke became so thick in the evening that they couldn't fly any longer. The smoke along Highway 75 may become thick enough to warrant a pilot car due to poor visibility. As of Saturday morning, drivers could see approximately a half-mile down the road in the area of Casino Creek. Today crews will continue to conduct burnout operations along Kelly Creek and extend the lines to the east to contain the spot fire that occurred yesterday. Along the western edge, crews will monitor fire movement and conduct burnout operations as weather allows. On the eastern edge, crews will monitor the active fire west of Lightning Creek and take action as needed.**

Firewise Landscaping Tips: **Landscaping with fire in mind is a major step toward safety. A list of approved low flammability Firewise plants can be found at <http://www.idahofirewise.org/>.**

Closures: Know before you go. A large area around the Halstead fire is closed. For information on the closure area visit; [www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth) and [www.fs.usda.gov/scnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf) . **For a high resolution map** of the closure area go to the **Flickr site [www.flickr.com/salmonchallisnf](http://www.flickr.com/salmonchallisnf)**.

The following CAMPGROUNDS are closed due to the fire closure: Beaver Creek, Lola Creek, Marsh Creek Transfer, O'Brien, Josephus Lake, and campgrounds along the Salmon River from Lower Stanley to Indian Riffles, including; Salmon Campground, Casino Campground, Riverside Campground and Mormon Bend Campground.

Air Quality: **For more information on smoke, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>**

**Hwy 21 and Hwy 75 remain open within the closure area.  
The Boundary Creek Road (FS 579) to the Middle Fork remains open.**

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