



Salmon-Challis National Forest Mustang Complex Update August 26, 2012 8:00 am



Mustang Complex
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Fire Information: 208-865-2207
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Start Date: July 30, 2012
Current Size: 136,885 acres
Point of Origin: Main Salmon River, 28 air miles west of North Fork, Idaho.
Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Salmon-Challis National Forest
Resources: 603 personnel, including 9 hand crews, 46 engines, 5 dozers, and 2 helicopters.

Cause: Lightning
Containment: 11%

Forecast: The complex is under a Red Flag Warning today for thunderstorms and high winds. Moisture moving in from the south will increase clouds with a few isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Any storms that do develop will produce very little rain, gusty winds to 45 mph, and lightning. These dry and unstable conditions will produce a Haines Index of 5. Breezy southerly winds with gusts up to 30 mph are expected on the ridge tops and the south-to-north-aligned canyons after 1:00 pm.

Remarks: No residences have been lost in Spring or Indian Creeks. Mandatory evacuations in the Spring Creek and Indian Creek drainages remain in effect. An ongoing evaluation of the fire current situation in the evacuated areas is being conducted and re-entry will be announced as soon as it is possible for residents to return to their homes. A pre-evacuation notice has been issued from Gibbonsville south to and including North Fork. This pre-evacuation notice is intended to give residents time to prepare for a potential evacuation. These residents should visit the Ready, Set, Go website for important information that will help them prepare for a potential evacuation. www.wildlandfirersg.org

On the east side of the Mustang Fire, firefighters are building fire line from the Salmon River and Indian Creek intersection, up through the Indian Creek road matrix to the Butcherknife Ridge. This fire line will continue to be burned out as fire and weather conditions become conducive. On the north side of the Mustang Fire, fire is slowly moving toward the Gattin Ranch. The Lost Packer Fire is continuing to move to the west and has reached Lantz Bar. Unburned areas within the fire perimeter are continuing to burn.

Preparation of homes along the Highway 93 corridor will begin today as fire crews will be working within the corridor to install sprinkler systems. These crews will also clear hazardous fuels on National Forest lands. Homeowners are encouraged to talk with firefighters in the area to learn what they can do to remove hazards on their private property. For suggestions on how to prepare around your home for wildfires visit the Firewise website at www.firewise.org

The Salmon River road remains open; however, travelers should expect delays in the Indian and Spring Creek areas as active fire behavior is causing rocks and debris to roll down onto the road, along with smoky conditions that cause poor visibility.

Salmon River Access: Launches are once again being made at the Corn Creek launch site. The Salmon River remains open to recreationists. All recreationists are required to stop at the North Fork Ranger Station before proceeding down river. Additional area closures have been put in place to protect the public from hazards associated with the fires. For information on the area closures, visit <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/closures/3100/>.

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