Salmon-Challis National Forest
Halstead Fire Update
August 26, 2012 - 0900

Fire Information: 208-774-0011

Start Date: July 27, 2012
Cause: Lightning
Current Size: 103,149 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: 581 personnel, including 7 hand crews, 34 engines, and 6 helicopters

Forecast: **Partly sunny today with gusty ridge top winds. Isolated dry thunderstorms with gusty winds are possible. Ridge top temperatures 67-74 degrees and 78-82 degrees in the valleys.**

Remarks: **Yesterday, fire activity was most visible in the south/southeast section of the fire. Due to the gusty winds, fire embers were blown out and settled in Coal Creek. Primary fire movement was to the east. Dozer lines south of Kelly Creek are holding. Minimal fire activity was observed above Cow Camp and Valley Creek. Crews will monitor and engage the fire as necessary.**
Today, aerial ignitions are planned to keep the fire's growth in Joe's Gulch at a moderate rate and along the ridge tops to hold the fire and maintain the integrity of the Highway 75 corridor. Crews in Cow Camp and Valley Creek will continue to monitor fire behavior and conduct burnout operations as necessary and weather conditions allow.

Firewise Landscaping Tips: **Trees and shrubs should be well spaces, watered and properly pruned, Remove dead or low hanging branches.** 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 and www.fs.usda.gov/scnf . For a high resolution map of the closure area go to the Flickr site 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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