



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Halstead Fire Update

August 27, 2012 - 0900



Fire Information: 208-774-0011

Start Date: July 27, 2012

Current Size: 104,072 acres

Location: Approx. 3 miles north of Stanley, Idaho

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

Resources on the fire: 612 personnel, including 7 hand crews, 37 engines, and 6 helicopters

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 7%



Forecast: An isolated thunderstorm is still possible today. A warming and drying trend should begin today with winds out of the south and southwest. Humidity will be around 20 percent and temperatures in the mid70's.

Remarks: Firefighters will continue to monitor the Bench, Copper, and New fires today from the air as they haven't shown smoke for several days. There was a large column of smoke visible from Stanley as the Halstead fire continued to burn in the Ibex drainage and move towards Lightning Creek. After infrared flight Sunday night, a roughly 100 acre spot was found about a mile east of East Basin Creek near Coal Creek and 1 ½ miles north of Hwy 75. Firefighters will set up for aerial ignitions near Valley Creek if weather allows. On the south and eastern side of the fire, the crews will finish installation of a heliwell at the Four Aces campground. Crews will continue to work with the dozer line that is south of Kelly Creek and bring the fire line down to tie in with the road at Joe's Gulch road.

Firewise Landscaping Tips: Trees and shrubs should be well spaced, 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, Casino, Riverside and Mormon Bend Campgrounds.

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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