



Wildfire Fact Sheet

FIRE SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **HIGH** Fire Danger

There have been two (2) new fires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the last update on August 18, 2025. To date, there have been 47 wildfires reported on the Forest with 42 of the fires being declared out.

Knapp (September 1): located approximately 15 miles north of Stanley. The 1.5 acre lightning fire is 100% contained.

Cow (August 30): located approximately 34 miles northwest of Challis. The 0.10 acre lightning fire is out.

Elkhorn (July 29): located approximately 33 miles northwest of Stanley. The lightning fire is approximately 1,779 acres burning on a cliff face adjacent to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and approximately seven river miles from Boundary Boat Launch. There are multiple fire scars adjacent to the Elkhorn fire which will act as a natural barrier for this fire.

The fire can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-elkhorn-fire-salmonchallis-national-forest>.

Cedar (July 29): located approximately four (4) miles northeast of Clyde. The 893 acre lightning fire is burning in Douglas fir and brush. The fire can be found on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-cedar-fire-idaho>.

Artillery (July 29): located approximately 35 miles northwest of Stanley. The lightning fire is approximately 11 acres with minimal fire behavior. The fire is surrounded by rock and old burn scars which make it unlikely to spread outside its current footprint.

Firefighters are using a confine/contain strategy (confine involves restricting the fire to a predetermined area, often using natural barriers or fuel breaks. Containment refers to the completion of control lines around the fire, preventing further spread) to protect the values at risk.

Values at risk for the Artillery fire include private property, natural and cultural resources, and economic, environmental, and social values such as the Middle Fork River corridor.

Fire managers are using infrared flights supplemented with reconnaissance flights as appropriate. This strategy limits exposure to firefighters and maximizes firefighting resources for other wildfires that may be discovered.

Placer (July 27): located approximately seven (7) miles north of Indian Creek Guard Station. The lightning fire is 35 acres in a remote location in timber in steep, inaccessible, and rocky terrain with cliffs that make access dangerous. While the rocky terrain limits ground access, it also serves to limit the potential for fire growth. There are several notable fire scars in the vicinity of the fire including the 2000 Cottonwood, 2018 Kiawah, 2022 Norton, 2024 Birch, and 2024 Mowitch Fires which act as natural barriers to fire spread.

Firefighters are using point protection (a wildfire response strategy which protects specific assets or highly valued resources from the wildfire without directly halting the continued spread of the wildfire) and confine/contain strategies (confine involves restricting the fire to a predetermined area, often using natural barriers or fuel breaks. Containment refers to the completion of control lines around the fire, preventing further spread) to protect the values at risk.

Values at risk for the Placer fire include private property, natural and cultural resources, and economic, environmental, and social values such as the Middle Fork River corridor.

Fire managers are using daily infrared flights supplemented with reconnaissance flights as appropriate. This strategy limits exposure to firefighters and maximizes firefighting resources for other wildfires that may be discovered.

Weather: Through tomorrow, expect dry air to remain in place including moderate to poor overnight recovery. Isolated dry showers and thunderstorms will start increasing Wednesday evening, with the better chance of wetter showers and thunderstorms holding off until the weekend.

Ensure your campfire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave! One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire.

Nationally, there are 43 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 10 fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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