



Wildfire Fact Sheet

Fire Summary July 27, 2026

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

Salmon, Idaho – July 27, 2026 — There have been six (6) new fires detected on the Salmon-Challis National Forest in the last week. To date, there have been eight (8) fires reported on the Forest in 2026, with seven (7) of the fires being declared out.

Big Hat Fire (July 22): Located 9 miles southwest of Elk Bend, Idaho on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. The 2.9 acre lightning fire burning in grass and brush is out.

Hale Fire (July 22): Located 9 miles west of North Fork, Idaho on the North Fork Ranger District. The .5 acre lightning fire burning in grass and brush is out.

Cabin Fire (July 22): Located 8 miles northwest of North Fork, Idaho, on the North Fork Ranger District. The .1 acre lightning fire burning in grass and brush is out.

Beaver Fire (July 23): Located 17 miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho on the Middle Fork Ranger District. The .1 acre lightning fire burning in grass, brush, and snags is out.

Indian Fire (July 26): Located 9 miles west of North Fork, Idaho along the Salmon River Road on the North Fork Ranger District. The .1 acre lightning fire burning in grass and brush is out.

Double Springs Fire (July 24): Located 21 miles southeast of Challis, Idaho in Christian Gulch on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. This lightning fire is currently mapped at 83 acres and is burning in steep, rocky, and inaccessible terrain.

One (1) hand crew and one (1) fire module are assigned to the fire, for a total of 30 personnel. Firefighters continue to assess opportunities for indirect containment lines utilizing natural features including rock scree and fuel transitions that have the highest probability of success with lowest risk to responders. Firefighters are thinning fuels along the NF-115 Road and plan to utilize the road to stop the fire's progression to the south. The fire remains active on the steep hillside, backing down the slope towards more favorable terrain. Additionally, the fire continues to laterally spread to the east down Christian Gulch towards the Double Spring Road.

Weather: A red flag warning remains in effect until 9 PM MDT this evening for gusty winds and low relative humidity for fire weather zones 475 and 476.

Monsoon moisture will bring some increase in cloud cover today along with the potential for virga and gusty winds. This is in addition to overall gusty conditions and low afternoon humidity. Similar conditions are expected Tuesday across the central mountain, with an uptick in thunderstorm potential Wednesday. Heading toward the weekend, expect hot and very dry conditions to return.

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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.

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