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Salmon-Challis National Forest

Wildfire Fact Sheet

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Fire Summary August 03, 2026

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

Salmon, Idaho – August 03, 2026 — There were no new fires reported 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 those fires declared 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-caused fire is currently estimated at approximately 600 acres and is burning in steep, rocky, and inaccessible terrain.

A Type 3 Fire Management Organization assumed management of the fire on August 2. The fire has moved east along Christian Gulch and north over the ridge into the top of Rock Springs Canyon. Firefighters are actively establishing control lines along Forest Service Road 115 and constructing containment line to the east to suppress fire activity.

Road closures remain in effect on Forest Service Roads 114 (Rock Springs Road), 115 (Christian Gulch Road), and 288 (Dead Cat Canyon Road).

Strong and erratic winds and Red Flag conditions have challenged containment efforts over the past several days and are expected to continue, with a wind shift forecast within the next 48 hours.

Additional firefighters, equipment, and resources remain assigned to the incident as crews work to strengthen containment lines and monitor changing conditions.

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Weather: Elevated fire weather conditions are expected to continue across central Idaho this week. Hot temperatures, low relative humidity, and periods of gusty winds will support active fire behavior where fires are established. Firefighters will continue to monitor weather conditions closely as they influence suppression efforts.

Fire danger on the Salmon-Challis National Forest will increase to **VERY HIGH** beginning Tuesday, August 4. Hot temperatures, dry vegetation, and the potential for gusty winds mean fires can start

easily, spread rapidly, and become difficult to control. The public is urged to use extreme caution with any activity that could spark a wildfire and to stay informed on current fire restrictions before heading to the forest.

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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