



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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Fire Summary August 18, 2026

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

Salmon, Idaho – August 18, 2026 — Five new fires were reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the previous weekly fire summary. All five were held to 0.10 acres and have been declared out. To date, there have been **13 fires reported on the Forest in 2026, with 12 declared out and one remaining active.**

Iron Bog Fire (August 12): Located approximately 25 miles northeast of Hailey, Idaho. The fire was held to 0.10 acres and has been declared out.

Sunday Fire (August 14): Located approximately 9 miles north of Stanley, Idaho. The fire was held to 0.10 acres and has been declared out.

Challis Creek Fire (August 15): Located approximately 14 miles west of Challis, Idaho. The fire was held to 0.10 acres and has been declared out.

Smelter Fire (August 15): Located approximately 15 miles southwest of Mackay, Idaho. The fire was held to 0.10 acres and has been declared out.

Jaggles Fire (August 17): Located approximately 15 miles southeast of Mackay, Idaho. The fire was held to 0.10 acres and has been 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 **1,779 acres and 18% contained.**

The Double Springs Fire received scattered showers, with approximately **0.25 inches of precipitation** over the fire area. The moisture, along with higher relative humidity, has helped moderate fire behavior. Fire activity has primarily consisted of creeping and smoldering within the existing fire footprint. Heavy dead and down fuels and standing dead trees can continue to hold heat despite recent precipitation.

Firefighters continue taking advantage of moderated fire behavior to strengthen and secure containment lines. Crews are working along the south flank, securing the fire edge and continuing mop-up where needed. Work also continues in areas where the fire burned toward the 274 Road, including securing the edge and checking for remaining heat and spot fires.

On the north side of the fire in Rock Springs Canyon, firefighters continue monitoring and securing the fire as it burns through rocky terrain and previously logged areas. Primary containment lines remain in place, and secondary lines have been identified and prepared for use if needed.

As containment increases, firefighters will continue strengthening completed line, mopping up areas of remaining heat and monitoring the fire as fuels begin to dry following the recent precipitation.

Road closures remain in effect in the Double Springs Fire area. Visitors should check current closure information before traveling in the area and respect all posted closures for public and firefighter safety.

The Double Springs Fire remains the **only active wildfire currently reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest.**

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Recent scattered showers over the Double Springs Fire provided approximately 0.25 inches of precipitation, helping moderate fire behavior and increase fuel moisture.

A warming and drying trend is expected through the middle of the week. As fuels dry following the recent precipitation, areas of remaining heat may become more active. Gusty and erratic winds associated with thunderstorms could also influence fire behavior.

Fire danger on the Salmon-Challis National Forest remains **VERY HIGH**. Under Very High Fire Danger, fires can start easily from both human-caused and natural sources and can spread rapidly after ignition. Small fires can quickly become large fires and may become difficult to control.

The public is urged to use extreme caution with any activity that could spark a wildfire and to stay informed about current fire restrictions and closures before heading to the Forest.

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