



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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Fire Summary August 24, 2026

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

Salmon, Idaho – August 24, 2026 — Four new fires were reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the previous weekly fire summary. Two have been declared out and two are controlled. To date, there have been 17 fires reported on the Forest in 2026, with 14 declared out, two controlled and one remaining active.

Ayers Fire (August 18): Located approximately 4 miles northeast of Bruce Meadows. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.25 acres and burned in brush and timber. Four rappellers responded. The fire has been declared out.

Hawley Fire (August 19): Located approximately 10 miles east of Leadore, Idaho. The 0.25-acre fire burned in timber and brush. Four rappellers, one Type 1 helicopter and one Type 6 engine responded. The cause was undetermined. The fire has been declared out.

Corkscrew Fire (August 23): Located west of Challis, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.10 acres and involved a single tree. One engine responded. The fire is controlled.

Morrison Fire (August 23): Located south of Borah Peak. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.10 acres and involved a single tree. The fire is controlled.

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 remains approximately 1,779 acres and 18% contained.

Over the past several days, the fire area has experienced warmer temperatures, lower relative humidity and steady to strong winds. Despite the warmer and drier conditions, fire activity has remained minimal. Some visible smoke has been observed in the Rock Springs area, and a small area of visible smoke in Christian Gulch was mopped up by firefighters.

Crews continue working around the fire, with a focus on securing the southern side along the primary handline. Firefighters have also continued rehabilitation work and are backhauling equipment and supplies that are no longer needed.

An infrared assessment flight was conducted to identify remaining areas of heat. Acreage and containment remain unchanged at 1,779 acres and 18% contained.

The fire has transitioned to qualified Type 4 Incident Commanders. Firefighters will continue securing the fire, completing rehabilitation work and monitoring areas of remaining heat.

The closure order associated with the Double Springs Fire has been lifted on both Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management roads. Visitors should remain aware of firefighter traffic and ongoing suppression and rehabilitation work when traveling through the area

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Temperatures are expected to remain warm this week, with daytime highs generally in the 80s. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms are possible through Thursday, primarily during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms may produce lightning and gusty, erratic winds, which could contribute to new fire starts or increased fire activity.

Drier conditions are expected toward the end of the week. Despite recent precipitation in portions of the Forest, vegetation remains dry and receptive to fire.

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 conditions before heading to the Forest.

Ensure your campfire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave!

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