



## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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### Fire Summary September 1, 2026

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

**Salmon, Idaho** – September 1, 2026 — Ten new fires were reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest since the previous weekly fire summary. Seven fires have been declared out, while firefighters continue working on the three remaining incidents. To date, there have been 27 fires reported on the Forest in 2026, with 25 declared out, and 3 remaining active.

**Phelan Ridge (August 29):** Located 12 miles west of Salmon, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.5 acres and burned in grass and dead and down Doug Fir. Progression has stopped and containment is anticipated this morning.

**Bills Fire (August 25):** Located 5 miles north of North Fork, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 14 acres and burned in grass and timber. The fire has been declared out.

**Grouse Fire (August 25):** Located 8 miles north of North Fork, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.5 acres and burned in grass and timber. The fire has been declared out.

**Beartrap Fire (August 26):** Located 4 miles southeast of Gibbonsville, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.25 acres and burned in dead and down timber and slash. The fire has been declared out.

**Phelan Fire (August 26):** Located 8 miles west of Salmon, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately .5 acres and burned in lodgepole pine. The fire has been declared out.

**Pony Fire (August 26):** Located 12 miles west of Salmon, Idaho. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.1 acres and burned in spruce and fir. One Type 3 helicopter and two firefighters responded. The fire has been declared out.

**Fawn Fire (August 27):** Located 2 miles south of Cobalt, Idaho, on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.25 acres and burned in lodgepole. The fire has been declared out.

**Cat Fire (August 27):** Located 10 miles west of Salmon, Idaho, on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. The lightning-caused fire was approximately 0.1 acres and burned in lodgepole and dead and down fuels. The fire has been declared out.

**Cherry Fire (August 27):** Located approximately 14 miles north of Salmon, Idaho, in the Fourth of July Creek drainage. The lightning-caused fire is 291 acres and burned in grass and brush. The fire is contained.

A closure remains in effect for the Fourth of July Campground on Highway 93 N through Sunday, August 30 while the campground is being used as Incident Command Post.

**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 35% contained.

Over the past several days, the fire area has experienced warmer temperatures, lower relative humidity and periods of gusty winds. Despite these conditions, fire activity has remained minimal. Recent precipitation and moderated fire behavior have helped limit additional growth.

Firefighters have continued securing the fire and completing rehabilitation work, including backhauling equipment and supplies that are no longer needed. Most of the southern side of the fire along the primary handline is now contained.

Infrared assessments have continued to identify isolated areas of remaining heat, primarily on the north and east sides of the fire. These areas have shown minimal activity and no significant fire growth. Acreage remains unchanged at approximately 1,779 acres.

The Double Springs Fire has transitioned to the duty officer for continued management. All remaining assigned resources have been released from the fire. Public information signs, the SOA repeater and SCF Camera #1 will remain in place, and the fire will continue to be monitored through daily patrols.

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 the potential for firefighter traffic and ongoing monitoring and rehabilitation activities when traveling through the area.

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## **Weather**

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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