Salmon-Challis National Forest

Wildfire Fact Sheet

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FIRE SUMMARY AUGUST 08, 2022

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **EXTREME** Fire Danger CENTRAL IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA IS IN STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Salmon, Idaho- August 08, 2022- The Salmon-Challis National Forest has had one new fire in the last week.

Norton (August 1): The fire is being updated separately and can be found on InciWeb at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8308/.

Moose (July 17): The fire is being updated separately and can be found on InciWeb at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/.

Woodtick (July 14): The fire is being updated separately and can be found on InciWeb at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8253/.

Wolf Fang Fire (July 13): The lightning fire is located approximately four (4) miles northeast of the confluence of Big Creek and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the North Fork Ranger District. The 934 acre fire burning in spruce and fir is located in steep, rugged terrain. The fire primarily continues to creep down into a tributary of Ship Island Creek on the north side of the fire with some movement over the ridge on the west side of the fire. Risk to responders and public safety are the top priorities for the Wolf Fang Fire. Due to the inaccessibility of the terrain and snag hazards, Middle Fork Peak lookout and aviation are assessing the fire daily.

Banner Fire (July 3): The 15 acre human caused fire located approximately three (3) miles north of Banner Summit on Highway 21 was called out on August 2.

To date, there have been 18 wildfires reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Weather: Warm and dry conditions continue through Tuesday with above normal temperatures and critical humidities below 8000 feet before improvements for both arrive midweek. As the ridge of high pressure breaks down and shifts east overnight Tuesday, monsoonal moisture moving north will bring with it a slight chance for dry thunderstorms with little to no precipitation Tuesday afternoon becoming more scattered and predominantly wet Wednesday onward through the weekend.

The forest is asking visitors to be aware of the **EXTREME** fire danger for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands, and Bureau of Land Management in east-central Idaho are in Stage 1 fire restrictions. Stage 1 fire restrictions apply to federal, state, state endowment, private forestland and rangelands within the designated area. One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire.

Nationally, there are 35 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 61 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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