



Moose Fire Daily Update

August 13, 2022

Fire Information: 208-742-6690 daily from 8 AM – 8 PM Email: 2022.moose@firenet.gov
Salmon-Challis National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>
Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/>

Contained 27%	Human caused; under investigation	77,298 acres	West and south of North Fork, Idaho – Pine Creek and Stormy Peak areas	Grass/Brush/Timber
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Thunderstorms passed over the area throughout the past 24 hours and dropped a considerable amount of rain in the valley South and Southwest of the Moose Fire. The fire area itself only received spotty rain between 0.02 and 0.1 inches, primarily on the East side. The cloud cover, cooler temps, and moisture helped moderate fire behavior over most of the fire area and is expected to continue through today. After that, hot and dry weather is expected to return to the area. Pine Creek experienced the most fire activity yesterday, with the fire cresting over the Salmon Breaks. Flames may be visible from River Road near Shoup. A new start was reported in the late afternoon near Deep Creek and an initial attack crew from the Moose Fire responded, in cooperation with the Salmon Challis National Forest.

Several days of favorable weather gave firefighters an opportunity to gain containment on the fire and made it possible for firefighters to go direct on the fire edge in the “horseshoe” to protect structures and values in Moose Creek. Work on the Panther Creek and Beaver Creek contingency lines were completed yesterday. Today, crews will patrol that area and mop up hot spots. Patrol, mop up, and suppression repair will continue along the Northern and Eastern edges of the fire along Salmon River Rd and Highway 93. Chipping of fuel mitigation piles was completed yesterday at Wallace Lake Campground and along the Diamond Line. On the 035 Forest Road along Jackass Ridge, crews finished constructing the contingency line and plan to remove a few remaining hazard trees and strengthen the line today. Along FR 300 West of Leesburg, crews are removing and chipping brush, and heavy equipment is working to widen the line. With yesterday’s weather and structure protection missions being completed, structure crews were reassigned to initial attack duties to respond to new starts.

EVACUATIONS: Residents from Squaw Creek to Pine Creek on Salmon Road remain in “SET” status. All other zones are in “READY” status. The latest updates can be found at <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/site-home/urgent-alerts/latest-updates-moose-creek-fire>.

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS: A Salmon-Challis National Forest closure order remains in effect for the Moose Fire Emergency Area, Road, and Trail Closure, Order #04-13-22-506. Lands north of Salmon River Road are open, and the Salmon River Road is open to two-way traffic from North Fork to Spring Creek. Details and a closure map can be found at <https://bit.ly/3BotHEf>. Morgan Bar Campground is temporarily closed to public use; see on.doi.gov/3bCSeLx.

For your safety, please stay out of the fire area north of the Salmon River, as well as other burned areas. Loose rocks, hazard trees, and lingering hot spots can all be extremely dangerous.

Stage 1 Fire restrictions are in effect on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, BLM, and State of Idaho lands in Custer and Lemhi Counties, excluding wilderness areas.

There is a temporary flight restriction over the fire area; see <https://tfr.faa.gov>. Thank you for respecting the TFR. If you fly, we can’t. Don’t be the reason that a firefighting air operation must divert from the mission.

TOTAL FIRE RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Personnel 1232	Hand Crews 26	Engines 59	Helicopters 3 Type 1; 2 Type 2; 2 Type 3
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