



Moose Fire Daily Update

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INCIDENT STATISTICS

Size: 86,102 acres

Containment: 34 %

Start Date: July 17, 2022

Cause: Undetermined

Total Personnel: 782

Resources: 13 crews, 6
helicopters, 32 engines and
34 heavy equipment.

Air Quality:

Light winds, while beneficial in limiting large fire growth, don't help in clearing out smoke. We will see "Good" to "Moderate" air quality across the Outlook area, with periods of "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" in Salmon and Carmen. [A daily smoke outlook can be found here.](#)

Fire Restrictions:

[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.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR):

There is a flight restriction over the fire area and drones are also prohibited. Thank you for respecting the TFR. If you fly, we can't fly.
<https://tfr.faa.gov/>

Highlights

The Baldy Mountain Road (FS 026) is opening today for firewood cutting from Perreau Creek Road to the junction of the Ridge Road (FS 020). As a reminder, at this time the Ridge Road remains closed to travel. Personal use fuelwood permits are available at local Salmon-Challis National Forest offices as well as several area businesses.

A portion of the Salmon River Road, from Spring Creek to Panther Creek, remains closed until further notice because the fire continues to destabilize the steep slopes causing debris (including large boulders and trees) being deposited on the road. At this time road conditions are not safe for travel. [Click here for Alternate route information.](#)

The Bureau of Land Management announced the Morgan Bar Campground is now open.

The majority of fire activity is occurring in the area between Pine Creek, Beaver Creek Panther Creek Road, and a finger moving southwest from the FS 300 Rd. Firefighters continue to strengthen the 300 Rd line to keep the fire from moving south and east. In the Beaver Creek area, firefighters focused on structure protection efforts.

In the Moose Creek Estates area, firefighters strengthened direct and indirect lines. Yesterday in the Napoleon area, firefighters successfully conducted a 200 acre burn operation to help bring the fire down to the main control line (road). In the Diamond Creek area, firefighters continued to patrol the line for heat.

Nighttime firefighting resources are working in the Napoleon area and they are also working the Beaver Creek area and the active fire area along the Salmon River corridor.

WEATHER and FIRE BEHAVIOR: Hot and dry weather persists. High terrain temps will reach to upper 80's and in the valleys nearing 99). Along with lower relative humidity today (7 to 15%) fire behavior is expected to be moderate, mainly creeping and smoldering. Interior pockets will continue to burn with the potential for small-group tree torching. Wind driven fire is not expected with the forecasted light winds (9 mph with gusts to 15 mph).

EVACUATIONS: Zone 15 has been added to "READY" status. Residents in Zone 1 and Zone 8 remain in "SET" status. All other zones are in "READY" status. [Click here for the latest updates.](#)

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS: A Salmon-Challis National Forest closure order remains in effect for the Moose Fire Emergency Area, Road, and Trail Closure, [Order #04-13-22-507](#)