



Moose and Owl Fire Daily Update

September 17, 2022

Fire Information: 208-742-6690 daily from 8 AM – 8 PM

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Salmon-Challis National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/>

INCIDENT STATISTICS

	Moose Fire	Owl Fire
Acres	130,086	747
Containment	50%	0%
Personnel	838	72

COMMUNITY MEETING: Join us for an **in-person** meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Idaho Fish and Game, Salmon Regional Office – 99 Highway 93 North Salmon, ID.

Last night we experienced minimal fire movement along the perimeter, however drones and hand crews are still finding and controlling spots of heat. As crews work in these areas, they are being mindful of fire-weakened snags that may fall due to the predicted gusty winds. Heavy equipment operators will be utilizing feller bunchers along Ridge Road to eliminate these snag hazards.

With the assistance of local resource advisors, fire managers began preparations for repair operations. Hand crews began rehab along the Diamond Line and drone flights will continue to monitor the area for hotspots. Firefighters are nearing completion of the contingency containment lines along Williams Creek Road. Structure protection, patrolling, and mop-up operations will continue in the Leesburg area and along the powerline where crews can safely work. Defensive water systems placed around the Leesburg Mine area provide an extra measure of security.

Hotshot crews working on the Owl Fire will be looking for direct attack locations to reduce growth. Additionally, engine crews and structure protection firefighters continue to protect threatened buildings in the area.

EVACUATIONS: Zones 1, 11, 12, and 13, the Beartrack Mine, and Leesburg remain in "SET" status in the CodeRED system as determined by the Lemhi County Sheriff's Office. The Incident Management Team will continue to work closely with the Sheriff's Office to consider changes to the evacuation status over the next few days, depending on the weather. Additional details are at: <https://bit.ly/LemhiCountyEvacs>

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS: A Salmon-Challis National Forest closure order was updated on September 9. The closure includes the area north of Williams Creek Road (FR-021), Deep Creek Road (FR-101), and certain roads, trails, and a defined geographic area around the fire. [Moose Fire Emergency Area, Road, and Trail Closure, Order #04-13-22-509](#). This closure applies to hunting access, firewood cutting and gathering, fishing, hiking, camping, and other recreational activities

- Public Lands north of the town of Salmon, south of Wallace Creek, and west of the Salmon River administered by the Salmon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are temporarily Closed.
- [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.
- For more information about area hunting units, please visit the Idaho Fish and Game fire map: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/maps/realtime/fire/> or the Idaho Fish and Game Salmon Region Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IDFG.salmon>.

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