



Moose and Owl Fire Daily Update

September 18, 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	130,092	747
Containment	51%	53%
Personnel	787	40

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.

Firefighting crews along Stormy Peak Road will be working both direct (right up against the fire line) and indirect (further away from the fire’s edge) on spot fires located by drones. Where the terrain allows, hand crews working along Old Leesburg Road will address areas of heat. Heavy equipment is being used to reduce fuels on the Ridge Line Road (NFSR 020) as a contingency line. Crews are in Turner Gulch to slow or moderate fire progression in the municipal watershed. This operation, along with heavy equipment operators working along the powerline, is intended to halt any potential southward progression of the fire.

Hand crews and operators completed chipping operations along Williams Creek Road. These crews will begin chipping on Ridge Line Road and begin rehabilitation work. Heavy equipment operators will be utilizing feller bunchers along Ridge Line Road to eliminate hazardous trees and provide safe conditions for hand crews.

Yesterday crews on the Owl fire identified minimal heat or movement. The increase in containment on the Owl fire is primarily on the west flank. Today they will fly drones on the east flank and send a hotshot crew if needed to take care of any remaining spots of heat.

EVACUATIONS: Zones 1, 11, 12, and 13, the Beartrack Mine, and Leesburg remain in "SET" status. 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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