



# THUNDER FIRE DAILY UPDATE

Saturday, July 27, 2024



Thunder Fire Information 208-538-9731 (8am-8pm) | 2024.Thunder@firenet.gov

**Summary:** The Thunder Fire started in the evening on Wednesday, July 24th, 2024. The fire is located in the Salmon River Mountains, 12 miles south, southwest of Salmon, Idaho. The terrain is difficult, and the fire is burning in subalpine fir and heavy and diseased Douglas fir and Russian grass.

Great Basin Team 7, a Complex Incident Management Team, under the command of Mike Johnston took command of the fire at 6:00 a.m. this morning. A full suppression strategy is being used to manage this lightning-caused fire.

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:** Extreme fire danger persists. A Red Flag Warning has been issued for the fire area today until 10pm tonight. Sun early in the day with temperatures in the low 80's and low humidities are expected. Afternoon thunderstorms with potentially strong winds gusting to 35-40 mph are forecasted with low chances of wetting rains. Moderate fire behavior is anticipated.

**Actions:** Numerous resources will be arriving and getting briefed on the current and expected conditions. Crews are continuing to scout the fire for opportunities to engage in a direct attack of the fire on the left flank. On the right flank crews will patrol the perimeter to identify problem areas. Air resources have been engaged to support crews on the ground and will be used where appropriate as the weather permits.

**Important Information:** The Salmon Challis National Forest has a closure order in place to help protect firefighter and public safety: <http://tiny.cc/tuhbzz>. Specifically, Williams Lake Campground is closed. Maps and additional information are available on the Alerts and Notices section of the SCNF website. The BLM also issued a closure that closely matches the SCNF closure. Maps and additional information are available at <https://www.blm.gov/office/salmon-field-office>. Risk to responders and public safety remain the highest priority for the incident management team.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have been issued for the Central Idaho Fire Restrictions Area. For more detailed guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/56rmf7p6>.

Three evacuation zones have been identified around the fire area. All three zones are in "SET" status. Descriptions of these zones can be found on the Lemhi County Emergency Management Page: <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org>. For detailed information on Lemhi County's Ready, Set, Go visit: <https://tinyurl.com/42mrcwtx>

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Quick Facts	
Fire Location	12 miles south, southwest of Salmon, Idaho
Size	2474 acres
Containment	0%
Start Date	7/24/2024
Cause	lightning
Incident Commander	Mike Johnston, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #7
Online Links	
InciWeb:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idscf-thunder-fire">https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idscf-thunder-fire</a></li></ul>	
Facebook:	
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Bureau of Land Management -Salmon Field Office	
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Idaho Department of Lands	
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