



THUNDER FIRE DAILY UPDATE

Sunday, July 28, 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. Rocky, steep terrain has made access to the fire difficult and operations have been heavily assisted by aircraft. Today, minimal fire activity was observed due to regional smoke moderating fire behavior. Crews have made good progress on the fire and have reached a containment of 15%. Resources are engaging in operations that have a high probability of success while reducing overall impact.

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior: Red Flag warnings have been lifted. Tomorrow will be warmer and drier with temperatures near 80°F. Strong winds are expected today with gusts out of the SW up to 20mph on the ridgetops as well as occasional gusts in the valley bottoms up to 20mph.

Actions: On the north side of the fire, crews continue to work down towards the Henry Creek drainage to strengthen lines of containment with support from air resources. The northwest shoulder of the fire continues to be an area of concern as the fire is moving within dense timber, leaving areas of heat as it burns through downed heavy fuels on the surface. On the south side, crews are working to secure the perimeter and were able to achieve containment on the east side of the fire along Williams Lake Road.

Important Information: The Salmon Challis National Forest has a closure order in place to help protect firefighter and public safety: <http://tiny.cc/tuhbzz>. Maps and additional information are available on the Alerts and Notices section of the SCNF website.

The BLM also issued an emergency fire closure. Maps and additional information are available at <https://www.blm.gov/office/salmon-field-office>. Specifically, the Williams Lake Campground is closed and the west side of Williams Lake is closed so air resources can use it as a dip site for water. 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>. On July 26th Lemhi County issued a County wide burn ban resolution, more information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3etudmpm>. Additionally, DEQ has issued an Air Quality advisory for Lemhi County due to degraded air quality from wildfire smoke, please find additional information here: <https://tinyurl.com/5xss2uns>.

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>

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction in the area due to the reliance on aircraft for bucket drops and crew transport.

Quick Facts

Fire Location	12 miles south, southwest of Salmon, Idaho
Size	2474 acres
Containment	15%
Start Date	7/24/2024
Cause	lightning
Incident Commander	Mike Johnston, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #7

Online Links

InciWeb:

- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idscf-thunder-fire>

Facebook:

- <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>

Salmon-Challis National Forest

- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf>

Bureau of Land Management -Salmon Field Office

- <https://www.blm.gov/office/salmon-field-office>

Idaho Department of Lands

- <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/>

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