



# Great Basin Incident Management Team

TEAM 7 – CHRIS DELANEY – INCIDENT COMMANDER



**Daily Update: October 24, 2024**

## Highlights:

Weather changes have significantly reduced fire activity, prompting a shift in suppression strategy for the Red Rock and Garden Fires to a mix of containment and confinement tactics. This approach involves actions both directly adjacent to the fire perimeter and further away, including full suppression, confinement to predetermined natural barriers, and the protection of values such as private property and infrastructure. This combination of tactics enables fire managers to effectively address the 321 miles of fire perimeter for the Red Rock and Garden Fires.

Containment means that control lines have been constructed around the fire, and once completed, they are expected to effectively stop its spread. Confinement utilizes natural geographic features—such as rock bands, ridges, burn scars, or changes in fuel types—that are anticipated to contain any fire growth. Both strategies are represented as percentages, which, when combined, will indicate overall “completion.” Moving forward, the Red Rock and Garden Fires will be reported as a percentage of completion. The priority remains on protecting values and ensuring the safety of both firefighters and the public.

## Red Rock Fire

**Acres:** 79,249  
**Completion:** 62%  
**Personnel:** 394

**Start Date:** September 2, 2024  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Location:** 15 miles west of Salmon, ID

## Operations:

Containment tactics have secured the fire's edge near the Blackbird Mine, 4th of July Creek/Forney and the Yellowjacket area. Throughout the fire, crews are working to remove and backhaul pumps and hose lays that were used to suppress, mop up, and provide point protection to values at risk. Excavators have completed repairing dozer line near the Blackbird Mine and are moving to join other equipment making repairs in the vicinity of the Ridge Road. In the Yellowjacket area more dozer line is being repaired. Additionally, road graders are working to repair the impacts of increased travel and heavy equipment along the Morgan/Panther Creek road through the middle of the fire.

## Garden Fire

**Acres:** 13,036  
**Completion:** 25%  
**Personnel:** 10

**Start Date:** September 8, 2024  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Location:** 25 miles northwest of Salmon, ID

## Operations:

Resources are actively patrolling the north and northeast sides of the fire, particularly along Panther Creek/Morgan Creek Road, looking for any remaining heat.

## Additional Information

**Weather:** Morning clouds are anticipated to clear, leading to a sunny afternoon with cooler temperatures. Winds are expected to calm, and high humidity will help maintain minimal fire activity.

**Closures:** The Red Rock Closure Order, Number: 04-13-24-027 remains in effect. For more info: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notice>. Please adhere to closure orders, this remains an active fire area. It is important for both the safety of the public and the firefighters working in the area. Barricade closures will be posted at road intersections and forest boundaries. In coordination with the Lemhi County Sheriff's Office and the Salmon-Challis National Forest, residents of Yellowjacket and Panther Creek can use the road to access their property, checking in with the road guard.

**Evacuations:** All evacuation zones for the Garden Fire have been lifted. For evacuation information on the Red Rock Fire please go to: <https://www.lemhcountyidaho.org/>.

**Phone Number:** (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.) 208-389-4709

**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idsf-red-rock-fire>  
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Links to further information can be found at the QR code or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

