



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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GARDEN FIRE UPDATE OCTOBER 6, 2024

October 6, 2024 (Salmon, Idaho):

Fire Name: Garden Fire

Fire Size: 6,633 acres

Cause: lightning

Location: approximately two (2) miles southwest of the confluence of Panther Creek and the Main Salmon River on the North Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

Fuels: grass, brush, dead and down fuels, and timber

Resources: 1 Type 1 Crew, 1 Type 2 Crew, 8 Engines, 4 overhead, and 2 Type 2 crews are enroute.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-garden-fire>

Fire situation: Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority for the Garden Fire. Fire growth yesterday was minimal due to the inversion layer over the fire area. Fire grew in the Garden Creek drainage and to the ridge to the north, towards the Salmon River. Fire is currently holding in Clear Creek but between Clear Creek and Dry Gulch the fire is backing down towards Panther Creek. The fire is expected to grow towards Panther Creek.

Fire managers are using a point protection strategy (a wildfire response strategy, which protects specific assets or highly valued resources from the wildfire without directly halting the continued spread of the wildfire) to minimize exposure to fire personnel while protecting identified values, including private property and Forest Service infrastructure. Today, the presence of firefighters, primarily in the Panther Creek and Salmon River areas, is ongoing. Aircraft, both fixed wing and helicopters, will be used if weather and smoke conditions allow. Fire managers are continuing to look for opportunities to engage the fire direct as fuels and weather conditions change and it is safe to do so.

Evacuations: Lemhi County Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and the Salmon-Challis National Forest have established 2 evacuation zones for the Garden Fire.

Zone 1: From Cove Creek to Ebenezer Bar, downriver along the Salmon River Road #030.

Zone 2: On Panther Creek Rd #055, a half mile south of Beaver Creek Rd #057 to the Salmon River Rd #030 confluence.

ZONE 1 is in "READY" status

ZONE 2 is in "GO" status

Weather: High pressure will remain of the northern Rockies and Great Basin, with a weak to moderate westerly flow maintaining clear skies and above normal temperatures for the next couple of days. A low moving through on Tuesday/Wednesday may increase the wind to critical weather thresholds, but it will also bring in some higher humidity air. The next chance for precipitation is Friday night or Saturday.

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