



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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## Garden and Red Rock Fire Update Daily Update: October 11, 2024

**Highlights:** In addition to the Red Rock Fire, the Southwest Incident Management Team will assume command of the Garden Fire today.

**Special Notes:** The Salmon River Road and the Salmon River to float boating will remain open. **NO stopping from SPRING CREEK to LONG TOM PICNIC AREA.** Expect delays from the confluence of the Main Salmon River and Panther Creek and Cove Creek due to firefighting activity to allow the firefighters to do their job safely and efficiently. The Salmon River could be closed due to fire behavior at any time. Be prepared to stay downriver.

### Red Rock Fire

**Acres:** 68,472

**Location:** 15 Miles west of Salmon, ID

**Personnel:** 528

**Start Date:** September 2, 2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 19%

**Operations:** Fire managers assessed the powerline corridor south of Williams Creek Peak to potentially use it as a containment line. Firefighters initiated ignitions off the FR 020 road and along the FR 231 road on the east side to remove fuels and slow fire spread. Dozer line construction along the FS 020 continued towards the south. Dozers also constructed line towards the west from Forney. Crews burned around the Forest Service Guard Station in Yellowjacket Creek to protect the structures. Sawyers also began cutting trees out around the Napias fire, which was estimated to be about 65 acres.

Today, dozer line construction will continue towards the south along the FR 020 road and west from Forney. Crews will continue to extinguish hotspots around Moyer and in Fourth of July Creek. Firefighters will also continue to mop up the dozer line near the cobalt mine on the northwest side. On the Napias fire, crews will begin direct line construction.

### Garden Fire

**Acres:** 9,533

**Location:** 25 Miles northwest of Salmon, ID

**Personnel:** 195

**Start Date:** September 8, 2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 0%

**Operations:** Crews continued ignitions into the night along Panther Creek to remove fuels and use the creek as a holding feature. The operation is focused on preventing the fire from crossing the Salmon River on the north end of the fire. Today firefighters will secure the burnout in Panther Creek and assess if additional firing is needed along the Salmon River to prevent the fire from spotting across the drainage.

**Weather:** Very little changes in the temperatures, humidity, and wind can be expected on Friday. It is forecast to be mostly cloudy with temperatures in the lower to mid-60s and the relative humidity at 20%. Winds remain from the west-southwest gusting to 20-25 mph along the ridges. A slight warming and drying trend continue through the weekend.

**Smoke:** For smoke information, please go to: <https://www.airnow.gov/education/what-you-can-do/>, or <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/ded7837a>

**Closures:** The forest closure order was updated and expanded October 5, 2024. For forest closure information please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notices>

**Evacuations:** For evacuation information in Lemhi County regarding both the Red Rock, Napias, and Garden fires please go to: <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/emergency-management-department>.

**Safety: Please stay out of the fire area.** There is still active fire behavior in the fire area, including group torching and crown runs. There are multiple roads and bridges that have been destroyed or are impassable. Entry into evacuation zones that are in “Go” status is prohibited. The updated forest closure notice that encompasses both the Red Rock Fire and Garden Fire areas includes multiple road and area closures. Barricade closures will be posted at road intersections and forest boundaries.

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