



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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**Minimal Fire growth observed**  
**Daily Update: October 12, 2024**

## Red Rock Fire

**Acres:** 69,855

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

**Start Date:** September 2, 2024

**Personnel:** 610

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 19%

**Operations:** Cloudy weather moderated fire growth yesterday. Firefighters conducted firing operations along FR 020 on the east side and around the Yellowjacket Guard Station. The ignitions are intended to remove fuels ahead of the main fire and prevent fire spread. Dozers continued building line along FR 020 towards the south and from Moyer Peak to the west. Crews and a dozer built direct line around the spot fire near Napias Creek, which is expected to take multiple days to complete due to the rugged terrain. Helicopters provided bucket drops to cool the fire's edge.

Today dozer line construction and ignitions south along FR 020 will continue. Additional dozer line construction will begin from just west of the colbalt mine towards the FR 113. Around Forney, sawyers will remove hazard trees along roads to make the area safe for the public. Direct line construction will continue on the spot fire near Napias Creek.

## Garden Fire

**Acres:** 9,947

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

**Start Date:** September 8, 2024

**Personnel:** 109

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 0%

**Operations:** Little fire growth was observed yesterday. Firefighters continued securing, patrolling and mopping up the ignitions in Panther Creek. Helicopter drops continue as needed to keep fire above the Salmon River and prevent spotting across.

Today crews will continue to secure and mop up in Panther Creek. Crews continue scouting along the Salmon River corridor looking for potential holding features.

## Additional Information

**Weather:** A gradual warming trend is in store this weekend, but it will not be a significant warmup. Smoke will play a role in providing shading and keeping temperatures cooler and the humidity higher compared to what would be observed. Winds will mostly be light and variable this weekend. There is predicted to be an uptick in winds from the southwest on Monday. A change to cooler and wetter weather is expected in northern and central Idaho during midweek.

**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-notice>

**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.

**Evacuations:** For evacuation information in Lemhi County regarding both the Red Rock 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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**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-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/>

