



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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## Closure reduction and Closure termination Daily Update: October 13, 2024

### Red Rock Fire

**Acres:** 72,341

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

**Start Date:** September 2, 2024

**Personnel:** 631

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 19%

**Operations:** Yesterday, dozers built line from the cobalt mine west toward Blackbird Mountain. South of Blackbird Road, crews built handline along the fire's edge and checked for remaining heat. Along FR 020 Ridge Road, aerial ignitions continued towards the south and helicopters dropped water on hot spots to hold the fire on the ridge. On the south side of the fire, firefighters continued to mop up, remove hazard trees, and check for any remaining heat. A small area of hand ignitions were conducted to hold the fire on FR 112 near Yellowjacket. Crews and heavy equipment constructed direct line around the head of the Napias spot fire.

### Garden Fire

**Acres:** 10, 192

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

**Start Date:** September 8, 2024

**Personnel:** 89

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 0%

**Operations:** Crews continued to secure and mop up the fire in Panther Creek and the Salmon River Corridor. While little growth was observed, firefighters do have contingency lines and ignition plans in place should the fire move to the west.

### Additional Information

**Weather:** Sunday will be a little warmer with similar humidity values with light and variable winds. Temperatures forecasted to be in the 60s and the relative humidity will fall to around 15-25%. The warm and dry conditions will continue on Monday and Tuesday with a southwest wind gusting to around 15 mph along the ridgetops and along Panther Creek.

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

#### Closures:

Salmon-Challis National Forest has implemented a reduced Red Rock and Garden Fires Closure, Order Number: 04-13-24-024. Please refer to the link below to see further information regarding the closure reduction.

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

**Special Notes:** The Salmon River Road and the Salmon River to float boating is open. All restriction along the Salmon River have been terminated.

**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.

**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>.

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

**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-red-rock-fire>  
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-garden-fire>

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Links to further information can be found at the QR code or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

