



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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Crews prepare for cold front moving in Daily Update: October 15, 2024

Red Rock Fire

Acres: 76,288

Location: 15 Miles west of Salmon, ID

Start Date: September 2, 2024

Personnel: 571

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 19%

Operations: Yesterday crews focused on searching for remaining heat to extinguish south of the cobalt mine. Crews also completed handline on the off Blackbird Road (FR 115) around the mine. More cutting of vegetation further east on Blackbird Road continued, but there are no immediate plans to conduct ignitions off that road unless necessary. Crews and unmanned aircraft used ignitions along the Ridge Road (FR 020) to Williams Creek Summit to remove fuel ahead of the southwest wind shift. Dozer line construction continued off Moyer Peak and engines patrolled and mopped up around structures in Forney, Cobalt and Moyer.

Today firefighters are preparing for forecast change in weather later this week, making sure pumps and equipment won't freeze. With the incoming cold front, crews are focused on the northeast corner of the fire near Williams Creek Summit where winds could test the control lines.

On the spot fire near Napias Creek, crews built additional line closer to the fire's edge and mopped up hot spots. Today they will continue mopping up any remaining heat.

Garden Fire

Acres: 10,532

Location: 25 Miles northwest of Salmon, ID

Start Date: September 8, 2024

Personnel: 63

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Operations: No significant fire growth was observed yesterday. Aerial reconnaissance showed many unburned areas within the perimeter. Crews will remain vigilant in their patrol and mop up.

Additional Information

Weather: Little to no change in the temperatures, humidity and winds are forecast for Tuesday. A low-level inversion in the morning will lift in the afternoon giving way to temperatures in the 60s, relative humidities around 15-25%, and southwest winds around 5 mph gusting to 16 mph. A strong cold front is forecast to travel across the Pacific Northwest on Wednesday. There is a chance of light rain in the morning with snow down to 9500 feet by the afternoon. Cool and moist air behind the front will lower snow levels Wednesday night and Thursday with rain and snow likely. Snow levels on Thursday could be as low as 5000 feet down to near 4000 feet Thursday night.

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: 04-13-24-026. Please refer to the link below to see further information regarding the closure reduction. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notices>

Safety: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Red Rock and Garden fire areas, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. Reminder that if you fly we can't, unauthorized drone flights pose serious risks to firefighter and public safety and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations.

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/>

