



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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## Closure Orders reduced for Garden and Red Rock fires Daily Update: October 17, 2024

### Red Rock Fire

**Acres:** 77,879

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

**Start Date:** September 2, 2024

**Personnel:** 596

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 19%

**Operations:** Yesterday, fire operations focused on addressing any areas of concern ahead of the cold front. Ignitions continued around the Williams Creek Summit to close off the northeast corner of the fire. Machinery and crews continued to remove fuels along the Ridge Road south to Lake Mountain. The fire in Salt Creek was very active, but burned towards the old Salt Creek burn scar where it is expected to moderate. Crews built direct line in Forth of July Creek and Moyer Creek. Helicopters were used to cool down hot spots on the interior of the fire. Mop up continued on the spot fire in Napias Creek.

Today, crews will see what the change in weather provided. Aircraft will assess all areas of the fire to determine what additional actions are needed. Crews will continue vegetation removal south along the Ridge Road and any necessary direct line construction in Forth of July Creek and Moyer Creek. Any remaining heat from yesterday's ignitions near Williams Creek Summit will be mopped up. The need for additional ignitions will be assessed.

### Garden Fire

**Acres:** 10,716

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

**Start Date:** September 8, 2024

**Personnel:** 76

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 1%

**Operations:** Yesterday resources continued to patrol and mop up the fire's edge. Due to the fire's location, how it initially burned and difficulty accessing, mop up may take time. However, today the crews will assess the effects of the weather helping to meet the objective to keep the Salmon River and Panther Creek secure.

### Additional Information

**Weather:** An approaching cold front is expected to bring stronger wind and a wind shift to the northwest on Thursday, rainfall and snowfall with likely wetting rains of more than 0.10 of an inch, and low temperatures from the upper 20s to around 40. Humidity is expected to be much higher, staying above 45 percent. Precipitation will taper off Thursday late night, but cold temperatures and cloudy skies will continue.

**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 Salmon-Challis National Forest has implemented a separate and reduced Red Rock and Garden Fire Closure, Order Number: 04-13-24-027 and Order Number 04-13-24-028, effective as of 8:00 pm, Wednesday, October 16, 2024. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/scnf/alerts-notice>

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

