

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Wildfire Fact Sheet

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NUGGET AND GARDEN FIRES

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Salmon, Idaho

Fire Name: Nugget Fire

Fire Size: 297

Cause: lightning

<u>Location:</u> approximately 40 miles west of Salmon on the North Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, west of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

Fuels: grass and brush with scattered timber.

<u>Fire situation:</u> Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority for the Nugget Fire. The fire is primarily burning in the grass and brush and is hung up in the cliffs above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The fire is surrounded by and in fire scars from 2005, 2013, and 2015. Fire managers are recommending the public do not enter the Nugget and Cradle Creek drainages. The fire will be updated every Monday in the weekly Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Summary or if there is significant change in fire activity.

Fire Name: Garden Fire

Fire Size: 234

Cause: lightning

<u>Location:</u> approximately two (2) miles southwest of the confluence of Panther Creek and the Main Salmon River on the North Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

Fuels: grass, brush, and timber

<u>Fire situation:</u> Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority for the Garden Fire. Fire activity is minimal to moderate with smoke continuing to be visible in lower Panther Creek and along the Main Salmon River. Visitors using the Garden Creek or Clear Creek trails are encouraged to #KnowBeforeYouGo and to be aware of the fire activity in the area. Trailheads will be posted with fire information. The fire will be updated every Monday in the weekly Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Summary or if there is significant change in fire activity.

<u>Weather:</u> The lack of rainfall will extend another seven days at least as high pressure continues to dominate the Great Basin weather pattern. Expect warming and drying for the next two days. This ridge does pull back for a low that passes to the north on Saturday night. Afternoon highs on Saturday at low elevations will once again approach 90 degrees, which will put afternoon humidity readings close to the 15 percent critical threshold.

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