



# Salmon-Challis National Forest

## Halstead Fire Update

August 20, 2012 - 0900



**Fire Information: 208-774-0011 (new number)**

**Start Date:** July 27, 2012

**Current Size:** 91,987 acres

**Location:** Approx. 18 miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho

**Jurisdiction:** USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Salmon-Challis National Forest

**Resources on the fire:** 527 personnel, including 3 hand crews, 30 engines, and 6 helicopters

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 5%



**Community Meeting:** A meeting is planned at the Challis Middle School Auditorium. 7:00pm, Monday August 20.

**Forecast:** The passage of yesterday's afternoon rain showers and the associated winds are in the process of clearing out some of the residual smoke in the area. The temperature will be in the high 70s with humidity around 16%. The Haines Index will be a 4.

**Remarks:** The Bench Fire is 100 % contained. The Halstead fire activity was moderated during Sunday's burning period due to the inversion and late afternoon rain. Hotshot crews conducted burnout operations at the head of Basin Creek and down into Kelly Creek. Crews have been prepping in the Valley Creek vicinity. They are staged and ready should fire make any further advance to the south. The east perimeter continues to hold along the 2006 Potato Fire burn scar. Dozers and feller-bunchers made significant progress building line and tying into the south boundary of the Potato Fire. An additional Type 1 helicopter joined the Halstead Fire aviation assets yesterday.

**Homeowner Preparedness:** For suggestions on how to prepare around your home for wildfires visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

**Closures:** A large area around the Halstead fire is closed. For information on the closure area visit; [www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth) and [www.fs.usda.gov/scnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf). Know before you go. For a high resolution map of the closure area go to the Flickr site [www.flickr.com/salmonchallisnf](http://www.flickr.com/salmonchallisnf). The Bench Fire Closure has been lifted.

**The following CAMPGROUNDS are closed due to the fire closure:** Beaver Creek, Lola Creek, Marsh Creek Transfer, O'Brien, Josephus Lake, and campgrounds along the [Salmon River from Lower Stanley to Indian Riffles](#).

**Air Quality:** For more information on smoke, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>

**Hwy 21 and Hwy 75 remain open within the closure area.**  
**The Boundary Creek Road (FS 579) to the Middle Fork remains open.**  
**Highway 21: Open with no pilot car.**

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