



# Salmon-Challis National Forest

## Halstead Fire Update

August 22, 2012 - 0900



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

**Start Date:** July 27, 2012

**Current Size:** 93,720 acres

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

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

**Resources on the fire:** 465 personnel, including 3 hand crews, 34 engines, and 6 helicopters

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 5%



**Forecast:** Patches of fog will hang in the valley floor this morning, mostly sunny today. High temperatures in the valley around 76-81, winds 6-10 mph in the afternoon.

**Remarks:** Yesterday, the fire was most active above Valley Creek and Basin Butte, however, afternoon rainfall kept fire growth at a minimum. Crews continued burnout activities in Kelly Creek. Dozers worked to improve and build fire line on the ridgeline above Upper Harden.

Today, in the southwest portion of the fire, crews will monitor fire behavior and engage as necessary. In the southeast vicinity of the fire, burn out operations in Kelly Creek will continue as conditions allow. Dozers and feller-bunchers will continue to improve fire lines above Upper Harden Creek

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

**Closures:** Know before you go. 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). 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 for 3 days.

**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, including; Salmon Campground, Casino Campground, Riverside Campground and Mormon Bend Campground.

**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.**

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