



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Halstead Fire Update

August 24, 2012 - 0900



Fire Information: 208-774-0011

Start Date: July 27, 2012

Current Size: 97,744 acres

Location: Approx. 18 miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho

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

Resources on the fire: 483 personnel, including 10 hand crews, 34 engines, and 6 helicopters

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 7%



Forecast: Mostly sunny today with cooler temperatures. High temperatures in the valley 72-76, ridge top winds 15-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph, valley winds 6-10 mph with gusts up to 22 mph in the afternoon.

Remarks: **Yesterday, the most active portion of the fire was along the south and southwest edges. Crews continued burnout efforts in Kelly Creek. Skidders and feller bunchers continued to improve and extend dozer lines on the southeast side while crews cleaned up hazard trees and patrolled existing edges. Today, crews will conduct the burnout operations in Valley Creek to the west. Crews will watch for spot fires in the areas adjacent to the burnout area as they extend the burnout operations into lower Kelly Creek. Dozers, skidders and feller bunchers will continue to improve and extend the fire line south of East Basin Creek.**

Firewise Landscaping Tips: **Remove flammable plants that contain resins, oils and waxes from within 30 feet of your house. Pick up leaves, branches, and pine/fir needles regularly.** <http://www.idahofirewise.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 and www.fs.usda.gov/scnf. For a high resolution map of the closure area go to the Flickr site www.flickr.com/salmonchallisnf.

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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