



Wildfire Fact Sheet

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FIRE SUMMARY JULY 02, 2023

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at **LOW** Fire Danger

Salmon, Idaho- July 02, 2023- The Salmon-Challis National Forest has detected three (3) new lightning fires in the last week.

Spring Fire (July 1): located approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Salmon on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, the fire was estimated at 1/10 of an acre. The fire, burning in Douglas Fir was called out on July 2.

Ebenezer Fire (July 1): located approximately 26 miles southwest of North Fork on the North Fork Ranger District, the fire was estimated at 0.40 acres. The fire, burning in grass and lodgepole pine was called out on July 2.

Warm Spring Fire (June 27): located approximately three (3) miles southwest of Middle Fork Peak Lookout across the Middle Fork of the Salmon River from the Flying B Ranch, on the North Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The fire is burning in a dead and down log (0.1 acres) located in the 2000 Aperejo Fire. The fire continues to be monitored by air and by Middle Fork Peak Lookout personnel.

Virginia Fire (June 12): located approximately 13 miles west of North Fork on the North Fork Ranger District. This fire is a smoldering snag located within the footprint of the 2022 Moose Fire. This tree has been burning since last summer enduring winter weather to continue burning. This tree is far interior of the fire perimeter and it has very low risk of spreading, therefore the tree will be allowed to continue burning until it self-extinguishes. There is a high likelihood that more trees in this same circumstance will be located this summer. Each newly reported burning tree will be individually assessed for the appropriate response.

To date, there have been five (5) wildfires detected on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Three (3) of these fires have been declared out.

Weather: Dry and windy conditions expected today, though a few isolated thunderstorms are possible this afternoon. Wind gusts outside of storms will be around 35 to 40 mph. Tomorrow will be notably cooler, but warmer weather returns later in the week. Thursday and especially Friday will see a threat of isolated afternoon thunderstorms.

Ensure your campfire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave! One Less Spark Means One Less Wildfire.

Nationally, there are 10 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and six (6) large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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