Salmon-Challis National Forest

## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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## HAYDEN FIRE UPDATE JULY 19, 2023

The Central Idaho Dispatch Zone is at HIGH Fire Danger

<u>Date of Detection</u>: July 19, 2023 <u>Current Size (estimated)</u>: 400 acres <u>Containment</u>: 0%

Location: 33 miles south of Salmon, 20 miles northwest of Leadore; Leadore Ranger District

Cause: undetermined

**Fuels:** Spruce/Subalpine Fir (heavy dead/down fuels)

A Type III Incident Commander is managing the fire. Two (2) engines, two (2) helicopters, and various overhead are on scene. Two (2) Type I crews and one (1) Type II crews are enroute with additional resources on order. Air attack and Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) are supporting the fire this afternoon. The fire is burning in the upper reaches of Hayden Creek. Firefighters are experiencing active fire behavior with high rates of spread.

A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered and will in-brief with Forest Officials on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

**WEATHER:** Light rain and isolated thunderstorms are possible Thursday afternoon and evening across the central mountains. The best chance of storms will occur across from Mackay to Gilmore Summit. Most storms will produce little to no rain, although wetting rains are possible around the Mackay area. Otherwise, high pressure builds through the weekend, with a 10% chance or less of dry thunderstorms. Expect very warm conditions along with afternoon gusty winds with this pattern.

Risk to responders and public safety are the top priorities for the Hayden Fire. Fire managers appreciate your cooperation. If you are recreating near an ongoing wildfire suppression operation, please keep your distance - do not congregate in the area and allow the firefighters to do their job safely and efficiently.

Nationally, there are 15 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and nine (9) large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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