



## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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### HAYDEN FIRE UPDATE JULY 20, 2023

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

**Date of Detection:** July 19, 2023

**Current Size (estimated):** 1,500 acres

**Containment:** 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)

**Resources on Fire (on-scene and arriving today):**

Engines	Type I Helicopters	Type III Helicopters	Type I Crew	Type II Crew	Dozers
4	3	2	2	3	2

A Type III Incident Commander is managing the fire. The fire is burning in the Carol, Wade, and Paradise Creek drainages as well as the upper reaches of Hayden Creek.

A Type II Incident Management Team will in-brief with Forest Officials on today. Yesterday, firefighters experienced extreme fire behavior with crowning, long-range spotting, and group torching. The fuel type of spruce and subalpine fir with a heavy dead and down timber component combined with the weather conditions and terrain contributed to yesterday's fire behavior. Air attack and Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) supported the fire. Ground resources were unable to directly engage the fire later in the day due to the extreme fire activity. Crews worked to scout areas to devise and implement suppression strategies for the rest of the operational period and the next day and began to identify values at risk. Today, dozers will begin constructing dozer line while crews will scout the fire for areas to engage the fire directly. In addition, crews will identify values at risk in the fire's vicinity working down the Hayden Creek drainage towards Highway 28. Aircraft, including helicopters and retardant drops, will be used as weather permits.

**WEATHER:** A ridge of high pressure will begin to build across the region today and continue through Saturday. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the corridor from Trail Creek Pass through Gilmore this afternoon and evening and then less likely Friday and Saturday as the ridge expands across the region. Unseasonably hot conditions are anticipated over the weekend.

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 19 uncontained large fires being managed under a full suppression strategy and 10 large fires managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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