



# Moose Fire Daily Update

July 27, 2022

Fire Information: 208-742-6690 daily from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Salmon Challis National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/>

Contained 15%	Cause undetermined	38,321 Acres	West of North Fork, Idaho	Grass/Brush/Timber
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**A community open house will be held for the Moose Fire at the Gibbonsville Improvement Association Building (old schoolhouse), on Wednesday, July 27, 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.**

**A Fire Weather Watch has been tentatively issued for Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> due to an increased chance of thunderstorms and erratic fire behavior.**

Containment of the fire to the north has increased to 15%. Yesterday, hot and dry conditions persisted. Smoke remained locked in the Lemhi valley until mid-afternoon. Fire activity continued on the south and east sides of the fire where receptive fuels contributed to fire spread. Firefighting crews continue work on structure protection, fuel line breaks, and holding and securing established fire lines. Sadly, Stormy Peak Lookout (and the radio repeater) was lost to the fire early in the incident as firefighters did not have time to react by wrapping the structure for protection. Items of historical value, such as the fire lookout logbook and others items, were salvaged.

Today, the forecast calls for 10 % chance of dry thunderstorms which may be accompanied by increased winds. This will add moisture to the atmosphere and bring instability to the fire. This instability has the potential to yield significant fire activity and spread rates. Firefighters will continue to mop up and secure fireline to the north, establish fire line breaks to the south and southeast, and conduct structure protection efforts to the west.

Please be aware there is a Temporary Fire Restriction (TFR) over the fire area. Recreational drones not allowed in the TFR. Drone operations pose a significant risk to aerial operations and firefighters. **If you fly, we can't.**

**Today, the Pilot Car System will be in operation through the morning hours for residents, permit holders and shuttles, however; a full closure will be in effect by late morning of the Salmon River Road to safely conduct fire operations. This is a hard closure that will last until approximately 9:00pm. The river road is closed to all other traffic.** Alternative route: Williams Creek Road (021) to Deep Creek (101) and north at Panther Creek (055.) Stay on the most traveled roadway. This route is long and unpaved, and drivers should be prepared for heavy mining and recreation traffic, including semi-trucks and vehicles with trailers.

**EVACUATIONS: The Lemhi County Sheriff has placed Zone 2 (residents on both sides of Highway 93 from Tower Creek to North Fork) in a "GO" evacuation status.** The latest updates from the Lemhi County Sheriff's Office can be found at <https://www.lemhicountyidaho.org/site-home/urgent-alerts/latest-updates-moose-creek-fire>. The fire remains very active and all residents in proximity of the fire should follow the [Ready!Set!Go!](#) guidance.

**CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS:** The Salmon-Challis National Forest has implemented the Moose Fire Emergency Area, Road, and Trail Closure, Order Number: 04-13-22-505. Details and a map for this closure can be found at <https://bit.ly/3BotHEf>. [Stage 1 Fire restrictions](#) are in effect in East Central Idaho on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, BLM and State of Idaho lands in Custer and Lemhi Counties, excluding wilderness area.

### TOTAL FIRE RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Personnel	Hand Crews	Engines	Helicopters
821	18	64	4T1; 2-T2; 3-T3