



July 25, 2022

Moose Fire Daily Update

Fire Information: 208-742-6690 daily from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Email: 2022.moose@firenet.gov

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

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

Contained 7%	Cause undetermined	35,739 Acres	West of North Fork	Grass/Brush/Timber
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Yesterday, wildland fire crews made excellent progress in beginning to show containment of the fire in the north in the Whiskey Spring area where 7% containment was achieved. Crews continued to conduct Point Protection along the Highway 93 corridor as fire continued to spread down to the river in the vicinity of Bobcat Gulch and farther south to Napoleon Gulch due to increased fire behavior cause by the outflow winds from a storm cell that passed to the north of the fire. In the southeast area of the fire, crews continued to secure fire line to provide protection to structures throughout the Moose Creek area. Fire on the southwest portion of the fire spread uphill to Stormy Peak along Pine Creek Ridge. Equipment for Heavy Equipment Task Forces arrived and prepared to construct a control line south of the fire from Morning Glory to Leesburg west to Panther Creek and out to the confluence of Panther Creek and the Salmon River.

Today, firefighters on the north and northeastern perimeter of the fire will continue to secure line from Ulysses Mountain to the southeast towards the Salmon River to prevent spread toward North Fork from the north, while continuing point protection along Highway 93. Work on the southeast portion of the fire will continue with structure prep along Highway 93 south toward the Salmon community while fire managers take opportunities to square off the fire’s edge as it progresses. On the west side of the fire in the Salmon River corridor, crews continue to work to prevent fire spread further to the west. With the fire being the number one priority in the country for airtanker support, and if necessary, airtankers will be used to assist ground-based firefighters in curbing the spread of the fire in critical areas that contain high values at risk.

A pilot car will continue escorting traffic along the Salmon River Road (NSFR #030) from Highway 93 at North Fork through the active fire zone. Outfitters and Guides, as well as private citizens who have a Forest Service permit are allowed to utilize the pilot car system – the river corridor 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.

WEATHER: A weak disturbance brought north winds and increased clouds to the fire. A rain shower passed north of the fire and the clouds kept humidity higher and temperatures a bit cooler. The outflow winds of the disturbance increased the fires growth to the south and east. Today will see fewer clouds but higher humidity with an inversion will holding smoke in during the morning with partial lifting in the afternoon that will cause temperatures to be a bit warmer with slope and valley winds following usual patterns.

EVACUATIONS: The Lemhi County Sheriff has placed Zone 2 (residents on the west side 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 activity 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: 04-13-22-503. Details and a map for this closure can be found at <https://bit.ly/3crDrDe>.

A community open house will be held for the Moose Creek Fire at the Gibsons ville Improvement Association Building (old school house), Wednesday, July 27, 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

TOTAL FIRE RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Personnel	Hand Crews	Engines	Helicopters
789	23	35	3T1; 2-T2; 3-T3