



July 26, 2022 Moose Fire Daily Update

Fire Information: 208-742-6690 daily from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. **Email:** 2022.moose@firenet.gov
Salmon Challis National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>
Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/>

Contained 10%	Cause undetermined	37,264 Acres	West of North Fork	Grass/Brush/Timber
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A community open house will be held for the Moose Creek Fire at the Gibbonsville Improvement Association Building (old schoolhouse), Wednesday, July 27, 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Yesterday, additional containment was achieved on the north side of the fire in the Ulysses Mountain area as firefighting crews continue to secure and mop-up this part of the fire. Generally, the north side of the fire is seeing limited fire growth due to the reduced amounts of fuels from the 2012 Mustang Fire which is allowing crews to work safely in the area. On the east side of the fire, fire activity was high in Bobcat Gulch and the Napoleon Hill area with torching and short crowning runs that began in the late afternoon and continued through the night and into the early morning hours. Spot fires occurred as far as one mile south of Napoleon Hill due to the type of fuels in the area and alignment of the wind that pushed burning material in a southerly direction. The south side of the fire generally is holding in place with no new growth in the Moose Creek area. The fire reached Stormy Peak on the southwest side of the fire a few days ago but has not continued to spread to the southwest since that time, however, fire spread is taking place east of Stormy Peak along the Pine Creek Drainage. On the west side of the fire along the Salmon River, fire growth is continuing to the west.

Today, firefighters on the north and northeastern perimeter of the fire will continue to secure fire line from Ulysses Mountain to the east-southeast towards the Salmon River to prevent spread toward North Fork from the west, while continuing point protection of structures along Highway 93 north of North Fork. Work on the southeast portion of the fire will continue with structure protection on both sides of the highway south towards Carmen and in the Tower Creek drainage, while a concerted effort to build and hold fire line is taking place in the west-east drainage of Diamond Creek. Structure protection will continue in the Moose area with crews continuing to mop up and further securing structures. Along the Salmon River on the western flank of the fire, crews will continue to provide structure protection in the Spring Creek area and west to Shoup. For the southern confinement effort of the fire, Heavy Equipment Task Forces are constructing and reinforcing fire line from Morning Glory west to Leesburg, and further west into Panther Creek, then to the Salmon River.

The Pilot Car System will be in operation today, rather than being closed as was previous shared, however, the pilot car system is expected to be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, July 27. 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.

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: 04-13-22-503. Details and a map for this closure can be found at <https://bit.ly/3crDrDe>.

TOTAL FIRE RESOURCES ASSIGNED

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