



## NEWS RELEASE

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~~Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in fighting all wildland fires.~~

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### **FIRE UPDATE**

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The fire activity was fairly calm on the Salmon-Challis National Forest yesterday with no large increases in the acreage of the existing fires.

#### **Fire Restrictions**

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions went into effect today for the Salmon-Challis and the Caribou – Targhee National Forests, and in three central Idaho Wilderness Areas; the Frank Church – River of No Return, Selway – Bitterroot and Gospel – Hump.

#### **Van Horn**

The Van Horn Fire did not increase in size yesterday. The fire is burning near the head of Van Horn Creek in the Morgan Creek drainage 16 miles northeast of Challis. Seventy firefighters are working on the fire. A **fire closure** is now in place in the Van Horn Fire area which includes the area west of Morgan Creek between Lick Creek and Alder Creek, including the Van Horn Trail and DeWitt Creek drainages and the area southeast of Furnace Creek and the Custer/Lemhi County Line.

#### **Clear Sage**

The Clear Sage fires remained at 461 acres again Wednesday. The fire is southeast of the Sagebrush Lookout in the Clear Creek drainage in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness. These fires are in the area burned by the Clear Creek Fire in 2000 and are being managed using confine and contain strategy because of the steep rugged terrain and because the area was heavily burned during the 2000 fire. A **fire closure** is in place in the area of the Clear Sage Fire, including the Clear Creek drainage between Gant Ridge and the Sage Brush Look Out and from the mouth of Deadhorse Creek to near the mouth of Clear Creek on the Panther Creek Road. The area is within the boundaries of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

For a detailed description of the closure boundaries and a listing of the closed roads and trails see [www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/fire) Current Emergency Fire Closures.

**Pine**

The Pine Fire did not increase in size yesterday. It has burned to 11.6 acres in the Pine Creek Drainage, two miles southeast of the Stormy Peak Lookout. Six rappellers and 10 firefighters from the Kootenai Crew are working on the fire which is burning in grass and timber.

**Full Moon**

Two fire fighters demobilized from the Full Moon Fire one mile southwest of Sulphur Creek Ranch in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

**Bohannon**

The 42 acre Bohannon Fire continues to smolder in a steep narrow drainage north of Bohannon Creek 10 miles southeast of Salmon. Due to steep slopes, falling rocks and snags and numerous abandoned mines, fire managers are utilizing natural and human made barriers to contain the fire rather than putting firefighters at risk in the extremely hazardous terrain.

**New Fires**

Two new fires were reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest yesterday. Two engines and seven people responded to spot fire near the Carmen Road. The fire was quickly controlled. The Oreana Fire is burning on the ridge two miles southwest of Oreana Lookout. Two rappellers are working on the fire today.

**Small Fires**

On the Challis-Yankee Fork District two rappellers controlled the Furnace Fire today, four miles southeast of Meyers Cove and about three miles west of the Van Horn Fire. The Furnace fire was reported July 17.

On the North Fork District two rappellers controlled the Bald Fire, one mile southwest of Bald Mountain and six miles northwest of Indianola. Two rappellers continue to work on the Porcupine Fire a mile northwest of Bald Mountain. Both fires were reported on July 17.