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

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High Fire Danger Prompts Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Central Idaho

Salmon, Idaho, July 13, --- Beginning Thursday, 12:01 a.m. July 19, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions will be in effect on the Salmon-Challis National Forest due to the continued hot dry weather conditions throughout central Idaho, increased fire activity, a sharp increase in the number of unattended and abandoned campfires and a weather forecast that promises no relief. The restrictions do not apply to the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness. The purpose of these restrictions is to provide for public safety and resource protection during times of high fire danger. The restrictions apply to campfires and outdoor smoking.

Campfires and the use of charcoal briquettes will only be allowed in designated recreation sites or campgrounds and only in metal fire rings or metal grills provided at the site. Fires in rock fire rings are not permitted. All Designated Campfire Areas will be posted at the site.

In addition to the campfire restrictions, **smoking is permitted** only inside buildings, vehicles, developed recreation sites, or within three foot diameter areas cleared of burnable vegetation.