

# Fire Update

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McCall, Idaho – A Red Flag Warning will be in effect from noon Thursday through noon on Friday for forecasted lightning and outflow winds up to 40 miles per hour. An area closure is in effect for the Thunder City Fire. Trail closures are in effect for the Howard Fire. For specific information on closures, visit the Thunder City Fire and Howard Fire pages on Inciweb. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect.

Members of the public interested in receiving fire information updates are asked to send an e-mail request to [payettefireinformation@gmail.com](mailto:payettefireinformation@gmail.com). Follow the Payette National Forest on Twitter at @PayetteForest.

### Howard Fire – New Meadows Ranger District

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
8/17/2013	Lightning	190	25%	3	0	2	110

**Location:** 8 miles east of Riggins, and 3 miles south of the main Salmon River. The fire is on BLM lands under the fire protection of the Payette National Forest.

**Current Situation:** The fire is actively burning in steep terrain on the Salmon River breaks. Firefighting personnel are going direct to contain the fire and are focused on the north side of the fire. For more information on the Howard Fire, visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3694/>

### Coin Fire – Krassel Ranger District

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
8/19/2013	Lightning Holdover	5.5	60%	3	0	1	60

**Location:** 5 miles south of, and 2.5 miles west of Big Creek on Coin Mountain.

**Current Situation:** Firefighters and aerial resources are aggressively suppressing this fire. Containment of the fire is expected for noon tomorrow. Initial attack resources are being released and replaced with crews.

### Sand Fire – Weiser Ranger District

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
8/19/2013	Human Caused	12	100%	0	1	0	24

**Location:** The fire is near Steck State Park.

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**Current Situation (Sand Fire):** This fire was controlled at noon today. No further reports.

**Thunder City Fire – Krassel Ranger District**

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
7/19/2013	Lightning Holdover	12,796	15%	1	0	1	54

**Location:** The Thunder City Fire started 4 miles northeast of the Stibnite Mining District. The fire is being managed for resource benefits.

**Current situation:** The fire continues to burn with isolated torching and short crown runs. It has reached Holy Terror Creek and is working its way up Lookout Mountain. Structures are threatened in the historic mining areas, and single engine air-tankers are being used to assist with structure protection. One historic cabin has been lost.

For more information on the Thunder City Fire, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3532/>

**Silver Fire – Krassel Ranger District**

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
8/13/2013	Lightning	200	0%	0	0	0	0

**Location:** 10 miles northeast of Big Creek within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

**Current Situation:** The fire is activity burning and spreading to the east. This fire is being managed for resource benefit and under an aerial monitor status.

**Trail Point Fire – Krassel Ranger District**

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Wildland Fire Modules	Total Personnel
8/13/2013	Lightning	37	0%	0	0	0	0

**Location:** 17 miles northwest of Chamberlain Basin within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

**Current Situation:** The fire is activity burning and moving in a southerly direction. This fire is being managed for resource benefit and under an aerial monitor status.

**Bear Lake Fire – Krassel Ranger District**

Start Date	Cause	Acres	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Total Personnel
7/19/2013	Lightning Holdover	55	0%	Monitored by Air	0	0	0

**Location:** The Bear Lake Fire is located 10 miles northeast of Yellow Pine within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

**Current situation:** The Bear Lake Fire is being managed by a confinement strategy to keep it within the wilderness. Acreage has remained unchanged for more than a week. The fire is being monitored by air. This will be the last report for the Bear Lake Fire unless fire activity increases.