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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 Three Idaho Wildernesses

Salmon, Idaho, July 18, --- Beginning Thursday, 12:01 a.m. July 19, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions will be in effect through out the Frank Church – River of No Return, Gospel-Hump, and Selway-Bitterroot Wildernesses. The restrictions are due to the continued hot dry weather conditions throughout central Idaho, increased fire activity, and a weather forecast that promises no relief. 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 are prohibited except within a designated recreation site. Camp stoves using liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are allowed. Campers may use charcoal fires in approved fire pans at designated sites in the river corridors and fires are permitted within fully enclosed wood burning stoves equipped with a spark-arresting screen of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth.

Smoking is prohibited except within a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.