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ELEVENMILE FIRE UPDATE

Challis, Idaho: *The area closure associated with the Elevenmile Fire has been rescinded. The area as described in Salmon-Challis National Forest Order Number: 04-13-15-578, previously closed is now open for public use.*

Community support along with the hard work and dedication from fire personnel, and a strong emphasis on safety has resulted in the successful efforts of the Elevenmile Fire.

Public safety continues to be a priority for the Elevenmile Fire. There may be hazards associated with traveling adjacent to and entering into burned areas. Forest visitors must be prepared to stay longer than expected due to changing circumstances. Weather conditions such as precipitation and wind can rapidly change conditions on the ground. Wind can blow trees across roadways and precipitation can wash debris across roadways blocking access. Preparation for the unexpected is the best plan a Forest visitor can have. Items to consider include:

- Adequate food, water, clothing, sleeping bags, and other provisions needed in case of inclement weather and extended stay is necessary in the area of travel.
- Chainsaw and fuel, handsaw, and shovel, in case trees or other debris blocks road access.
- Forest visitors should inform someone they know about where they are going and when they plan to be back in case an emergency situation arises.
- Communications that will work in the area they plan to travel (cell phone, satellite phone or satellite emergency notification device).

For more information on current conditions, please contact the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District at 208-879-4100.

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