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**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> MORNING FIRE UPDATE**

**SALMON, ID** –Recent thunderstorms started several fires on the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

The Boundary Fire, on the Middle Fork Ranger District, had no increase in size and is approximately 40 acres with 50% containment, burning in mixed conifer, and is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile west of Boundary Creek Boat Launch in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The fire is staffed with 8 smokejumpers, four 20 person crews, one Type I (heavy) helicopter, and one Type II (medium) helicopter.

The Sheldon Fire, on the Middle Fork Ranger District, is approximately four (4) acres in size, burning in mixed conifer, and is located 13 miles southeast of Sleeping Deer Lookout in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The fire is staffed with 13 firefighters who continue to construct line around and mop up the fire.

The Bull Fire, on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District, a single tree fire, burning in an open timber and grass fuel type, and it located approximately one mile north of Bayhorse is out.

The Roaring Fire, on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District is 1,831 acres, burning in a remote part of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness on the ridge between Roaring and Goat Creeks above the confluence of the Middle Fork Salmon and Salmon Rivers. This fire is adjacent to the 2014 Goat Fire and is being managed to allow fire to play, as nearly as possible, its natural role in wilderness.

The Comet Fire, on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District is 100% contained and resources have demobed from the fire. Interior smoke may still be visible from Highway 93. Please use caution along the highway.

The Twin Peaks Fire, Salmon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is 1/10 of an acre, burning in Douglas Fir with a heavy dead and down component, and is located in the 12 Mile Area. The fire is staffed with four firefighters and containment is estimated for today.

The Albertson Fire, Salmon Field Office, BLM, is 1/10 of an acre, burned in mixed conifer. Fire is controlled.

The Storm Fire, in the Lemhi Pass Area, Salmon Field Office, BLM, six miles south of Lemhi Pass was located and found to be on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

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The Salmon-Challis National Forest has multiple resources available for additional Initial Attack that may occur on hold-over lightning fires. Additionally, there is a Fire Prevention and Mitigation specialist working across the Forest to spread the message that it's everyone's job to prevent human-caused wildfires and to help local residents understand what living in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) means and how mitigation is essential to reducing the loss of homes and resources in the wildland/urban interface.

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