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STEIN FIRE UPDATE AUGUST 25, 2016

SALMON, ID –This will be the *final daily* update for the Stein Fire. The Stein Fire, located on the North Fork Ranger District, is estimated at 104 acres in subalpine fir and lodgepole pine with 100% containment. The Stein Fire was caused by a holdover lightning strike from Sunday, August 14th and was detected on Tuesday, August 16th. The fire is located 15 miles north of Salmon, Idaho, between Stein and North Mountains in hazardous terrain that is steep and inaccessible with snags that are a safety concern for firefighters.

The Stein Fire has transitioned to a Type 4 Incident Commander (IC) Shay Dahle with Seth Larson as Trainee. Currently there are two (2) local type 6 engines and an additional type 6 engine from Colorado as well as a Type 2 Initial Attack (IA) crew from Salt Lake City and a Type 3 Helicopter and crew from Oregon, for a total of 41 fire fighters.

Operational plan is to continue mop up efforts and increase depth on secure lines as well as rehabbing any lines where needed. The next few days will see an increase in temperatures and lower relative humidity with no moisture or relief in the forecast until mid-next week. As the weekend approaches and mop up continues crews will reevaluate resource needs and begin to scale down number of resources by the end of the week.

Initial Attack is still a top priority on the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the resources on Stein fire will be available to assist with Initial Attack as needed.

A Road Closure for Public Safety for the Stein Fire is now in place. The closure area includes:

- Forest Service Road Number 071 (4th of July Creek Road) is closed beginning where Forest Service Land meets Private Land located in T24N, R22E, Section 21, continuing North and then to the West where FSR 071 intersects with FSR Number 256. FSR Number 071 is closed for its duration continuing to its end point near Stein Mountain located in T25N, R22E Section 32.
- Please Note: FSR Number 071-A is also Closed.

For more information on the Stein Fire can be found on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4966/> You are also welcome to visit the Salmon-Challis National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/home>, and check out News & Events, 'Like Us' on <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>, and 'Follow Us' on <https://twitter.com/SalmonChallisNF> for further information.

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