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**Moose Creek District Plans Prescribed Burning in O'Hara Creek Drainage**

*Grangeville, ID*--The Moose Creek District is planning prescribed fire ignitions in the O'Hara Creek drainage (units 13, 2, and 4) this week. Plans are to burn 1359 acres in Unit 13, located between Stillman and Saddle Creeks. Fire staff also plan to burn approximately 100 acres in Units 2 and 4, located south of the Stillman Point Trail # 335. Temporary trail closures may be in place between the O'Hara Campground and Stillman Point. This is a forest health project designed to provide benefits to timber and wildlife as well as allow fire managers opportunities to minimize potential future threat of stand replacement, catastrophic wildfire.

The Selway Falls Cabin prescribed fire may also take place this week. It is approximately 225 acres and located below the Fog Mountain Road #319 and above the Selway Falls Cabin. Visitors may be temporarily delayed on both the main Selway Road #223 and Fog Mountain Road #319 during ignitions, but travel restrictions are not expected at this time. This is a hazardous fuel reduction project designed to allow managers opportunities to better manage naturally occurring wildland fire use fires around this historic structure.

Area residents may see some smoke in the valleys as normal settling occurs, especially in the evening and early morning hours. Conditions are expected to be temporary and should lift by mid-day. Maps and fire information are available at the Moose Creek Ranger District office (Fenn Visitor Center).

For more information, please contact Mike Ward (208) 926-8952 or the front desk at (208) 926-4258.

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