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Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Update August 03, 2014

Salmon, Idaho –Fire Update

Goat Fire:

DATE OF DETECTION: August 01, 2014

CAUSE: Lightning

CURRENT SIZE: 30 acres

LOCATION: – The fire is burning in Goat Creek approximately two (2) miles from the mouth of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, North Fork Ranger District

AGENCY: U.S. Forest Service –Salmon-Challis National Forest

The Goat Fire is being managed under a monitor and point protection strategy. The fire is currently burning in stringers of alpine fir amongst rock outcroppings and cliff lines. Terrain is very steep and inaccessible. Smoke and fire may be visible from the lower end of the Middle Fork and along the Main Salmon River. Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Managers expect the fire to continue to burn throughout the summer or until a significant weather event occurs.

There are inherent risks associated with backcountry recreation. Forest visitors should use caution if traveling near the Goat creek and Horse Haven areas. Wilderness experiences can include many unpredictable natural events, including fire, which can present dangerous situations. Areas within and adjacent to a fire are part of a rapidly changing environment. Hazards in the fire area can include rolling rocks and debris, falling trees, and dense smoke.

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