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Goat Fire Update August 07, 2014

DATE OF DETECTION: August 01, 2014

CAUSE: Lightning

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; Salmon-Challis National Forest

Fire growth on August 6th was minimal growing approximately 20 acres. The total acreage is now approximately 366 acres. Helicopter bucket drops were utilized on August 5th to keep the fire from crossing Goat Creek. The purpose of the bucket work is to try and delay or prevent possible trail closures in the fire area as well as minimize impacts to Sage Brush lookout.

Weather conditions have been somewhat favorable in limiting fire growth. Though limited precipitation has occurred over the fire area, cloud cover and higher humidity has helped to moderate fire behavior and growth.

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. Providing for firefighter and public safety is of the highest priority of the Goat Creek Fire Managers. Due to the extremely steep, rugged, and inaccessible terrain and fire location, currently it isn't safe to staff the fire with firefighters. Forest personnel are currently developing long term plans for this fire with a focus on firefighter and public safety as well as reducing the fire's impacts to the Middle Fork and Main Salmon Corridors. Planned actions include prepping campsites along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the event the fire does reach this area.

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 no trail or area closures at this time. Fire managers are evaluating closure needs based up fire activity. Visitors should use caution if traveling near the Goat creek and Horse Haven areas. For further information on the Goat fire please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4056/>.

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