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### **Goat Fire Update**

**DATE OF DETECTION:** August 01, 2014

**CAUSE:** Lightning

**\*\*This will be the last update on the Goat Fire unless significant activity occurs.\*\***

Rainfall over the past week has aided in slowing growth of the Goat Fire which remains at approximately 470 acres in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The fire is located approximately two (2) miles southeast of the confluence of the Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River on the, North Fork Ranger District. At this time, there is no smoke showing on the fire but it is not out. Depending upon future weather conditions, it is possible that fire activity may increase again. If drying weather conditions persist, it is likely the fire will continue to burn in alpine fir patches along rock outcroppings and cliffs.

Due to extremely steep, rugged and inaccessible terrain it is unsafe to place firefighters on the ground. The Forest is managing the Goat Fire under a long-term plan focusing on firefighter and public safety. This includes monitoring fire activity, preparing a strategy for protection of structures and other values at risk while allowing the fire to play out its natural ecological role in the wilderness, as nearly as possible Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Managers expect the fire to burn throughout the rest of the summer and fall or until a significant weather event occurs.

A trail closure is in place for the Horse Heaven Wilderness Trail (Forest Trail #6172) beginning at the junction with Forest Trail #6021, near Dome Mountain, heading northwest to the end of this trail near the Horse Heaven VABM (#8086), and continuing on the undesignated trail north to the Salmon River. The official order and map of the closure area and other information on the Goat Fire is available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4056/>.