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**MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX UPDATE**

**Salmon, Idaho:** Fire summary for the Middle Fork Complex. The Middle Fork Complex is comprised of the Waterfall and Stoddard fires.

**Date of Detection:** Waterfall: August 11, 2015  
Stoddard: August 12, 2015

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** Waterfall: 756 acres  
Stoddard: 348 acres

**Location:** Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness; North Fork Ranger District, about 40 air miles west of Salmon, ID.  
Waterfall: East of the Middle Fork Salmon River; North of Waterfall Creek  
Stoddard: West of the Middle Fork Salmon River; North of Cradle Creek

**Fuels:** Waterfall: open timber and grass  
Stoddard: open timber and grass

**Managing Agency:** U.S. Forest Service, Salmon-Challis National Forest

A Type 3 incident management team (IMT) led by Mike Smith has been assigned to this complex. Both fires are burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain. These fires will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their natural ecological roles with the wilderness. Starting tomorrow morning, members of a Wildland Module will be patrolling the river corridor on foot and by boat.

Providing for firefighter and public safety is an objective of the Middle Fork Complex Fire Managers. Weather forecast expects breezy winds tomorrow afternoon as well. The weather is forecasted to be windy and dry.

**Know before you go.** Always check with your local Ranger Station prior to your trip to get the most up to date information on current fire activity, fire danger, and fire restrictions for the area. Further information on the Middle Fork Complex can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4485/>.

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