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MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX UPDATE

Salmon, Idaho: Currently, the Middle Fork Complex is comprised of the **Waterfall, Stoddard, Roaring, Harbor,** and **Alpine** fires.

Dates of Detection: **Waterfall:** August 11th; **Stoddard:** August 12th; **Roaring:** August 5th; **Harbor:** August 16th; and **Alpine:** August 13, 2015.

Cause: Lightning

Size: **Waterfall:** 3,221 acres; **Stoddard:** 840 acres; **Roaring:** 14 acres; **Harbor:** 2 acres; and **Alpine:** 10th of an acre.

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; **Roaring:** in the Big Horn Crags; **Harbor:** adjacent to Harbor Lake; and **Alpine:** North side of Wilson Creek drainage.

Fuels: **Waterfall:** open timber and grass; **Stoddard:** open timber and grass; **Roaring:** open timber; **Harbor:** open timber; and **Alpine:** open timber.

Managing Agency: USDA Forest Service, Salmon-Challis National Forest

Mild weather conditions led to minimal fire spread today. These fires will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their natural ecological roles with the wilderness.

There are two Wildland Fire Modules monitoring the Middle Fork Complex. These modules consist of seven to ten person fire teams who will be assessing the river rafting camps, prepping to keep fire from reaching these sites, as well as making recommendations to the incident management team.

Our top priority is to keep the public and firefighters safe.

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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