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Forest Service
Salmon - Challis National Forest
1206 South Challis St.
Salmon, Idaho 83467

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BOBCAT FIRE UPDATE

The Bobcat fire has grown to approximately 350 acres.

The fire is visible from Highway 93 just south of North Fork Idaho. Fire managers are urging the public to use caution when traveling in this area due to traffic congestion and are urging the public to continue traveling past the fire and not stopping along the roadway. There may also be fire support vehicles in the area that will need efficient and safe access along Highway 93.

Fire managers are continuing to develop strategies to manage this high priority fire emphasizing public and firefighter safety, property protection, livestock, and resource protection.

The forest has received a Type II management team despite a shortage of available resources. Other critical resources have become available as well. Fire crews as well as helicopter bucket drops to suppress the fire have so far been successful. However weather forecasts are putting increased pressure on critical areas within the fire perimeter.

Firefighters are continuing to assess structures in the vicinity of the fire area. The assessments are being prepared to help support the long term plan in development for this high priority fire. Structure assessments and point protection plans will continue to be a priority. The public is encouraged to cooperate with firefighters as they evaluate homes and structures near and around the Bobcat Fire area.

The public is encouraged to follow fire progress on the following web and social media sites; <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4527>, <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>, on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SalmonChallisNF> or on our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

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