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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:** 3,593 acres; **Stoddard:** 867 acres; **Roaring:** 28 acres; **Harbor:** 2 acres; and **Alpine:** .1 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

There was slight growth on the Waterfall, Stoddard, and Roaring fires yesterday, due to moderate weather conditions. Weather predictions for today are mild and sunny, with a high of 87 degrees.

Today, firefighters will continue to monitor the five fires, and where needed, reduce the risk of fire reaching significant resources in and around the Middle Fork Complex. The two Wildland Fire Modules will carry on their assessment of the river rafting camps. These fires will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their natural ecological roles within the wilderness.

Trail Closures for the Salmon-Challis National Forest include: **Roaring Trail** (Forest Trail #6021, Crags Trail) beginning at Big Clear Lake to Roaring Creek Lake; South Fork **Waterfall Trail** (Forest Trail #6019), beginning at the junction with Waterfall Trail (Forest Trail #6045) to its end; **Middle Fork River Trail** (Forest Trail #6044) to the confluence of the trail and the outlet of Terrace Lakes (where trail crosses headwaters of Waterfall Creek; **Stoddard Lake Trail** (Forest Trail #6140) beginning at Stoddard Creek Point at the junction with Stoddard Trail (Forest Trail #6169) to its junction with Forest Trail #6168; **Stoddard Trail** (Forest Trail #6169) beginning at

the confluence of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and the Salmon River, to its end at the junction with Forest Trail #6168.

For closure maps, fire updates, and photos, please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4485/>

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