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FIRE UPDATE

Salmon, Idaho: The Salmon-Challis National Forest has two fires that are being managed by Incident Management Teams (IMT).

The Middle Fork Complex, comprised of the Waterfall, Stoddard, Harbor, Alpine, and Roaring Fires in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness are being managed by a Type III IMT. Please refer to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4485/> for further information on these fires.

The Bobcat Fire is being managed by Great Basin Team 5, which is a Type II IMT. Further information on the Bobcat Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4527/>.

Smoke in the valley will continue to be an issue as there are many fires in the Region and a southerly flow of wind from the north.

Fire Summary: This will be the last daily summary unless significant activity occurs.

SALMON-COBALT RANGER DISTRICT

Pony Fire:

- ½ acre fire near Pony Creek, burning in timber.

NORTH FORK RANGER DISTRICT

Elkhorn Fire: Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness

- The Elkhorn Fire, fire is estimated to be 50 acres with 100% containment. The fire is located west of Clear Creek and north of Elkhorn Creek, approximately 3.5 miles from the wilderness boundary. Although lightning caused fires should be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their natural ecological role within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, fire managers decided to suppress this fire due to its proximity to the non-wilderness boundary and considering values at risk within the Panther Creek drainage. Resources currently staffing the fire are 20 firefighters, and a helicopter. Wilderness character is of upmost concern for Forest Managers. Salmon-Challis National Forest employees are currently packing out firefighters and gear associated with the suppression efforts and are working to ensure the wilderness character of the fire remains intact.

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, closures, fire danger, and fire restrictions for the area.

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