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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:** 33 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 spreading into subalpine fir and white bark pine; **Harbor:** open timber; and **Alpine:** open timber.

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

Today the Salmon-Challis National Forest closed **Clear Creek Trail (Forest Trail #6022)**, which begins at the junction of **Forest Trail #6025** and ends at **Mirror Lake Trail (Forest Trail #6012)**. This closure is necessary to provide forest visitors protection from the current safety hazards associated with the Middle Fork Complex of fires.

There was an increase in fire activity on the Waterfall and Roaring Fires today. The two Wildland Fire Modules continue to monitor and assess areas on the Middle Fork Complex.

Teamwork, partnerships and coordination are essential in managing fire. Wildfire knows no boundaries. We work together to plan, make decisions and respond to wildfires.

Reducing risk to firefighters and the public is our first priority on every incident.

Trail Closures for the Salmon-Challis National Forest include: **Clear Creek Trail (Forest Trail #6022)**, which begins at the junction of Forest Trail #6025 and ends at Mirror Lake Trail (Forest Trail #6012); **Roaring Trail** (Forest Trail #6021, Craggs 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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