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MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX UPDATE

Salmon, Idaho: The Middle Fork Complex, managed by the USDA Forest Service, Salmon-Challis National Forest, is comprised of the lightning caused **Waterfall, Stoddard, Roaring, Harbor, and Alpine** fires.

Dates of Detection and Current Size:	Waterfall: August 11 th	4006 acres
	Stoddard: August 12 th	884 acres
	Roaring: August 5 th	301 acres
	Harbor: August 16 th	8 acres
	Alpine: August 13 th	1/10 acre

Location: Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness; North Fork Ranger District, about 40 air miles West of Salmon, ID.

Waterfall: Is burning in open timber and grass and is located east of the Middle Fork Salmon River, North of Waterfall Creek

Stoddard: Is burning in open timber and grass and is located west of the Middle Fork Salmon River, North of Cradle Creek

Roaring: Is burning in open timber spreading into subalpine fire and white bark pine and is located in the Big Horn Crags

Harbor: Is burning in open timber and is located adjacent to Harbor Lake

Alpine: Is burning in open timber and is located on the north side of Wilson Creek drainage.

Smoke could be seen from the Roaring Fire today, but fire behavior was minimal on all fires. Fire growth, if any was insignificant. Fire managers continue to observe the Alpine Fire which is showing no smoke at this time.

Three firefighters from the Teton Wildland Fire Module’s Squad “A” are positioned at Last Chance River Camp on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. They will be observing the Waterfall Fire and providing information to area outfitters and recreating public. An additional two firefighters from the Teton Wildland Fire Module’s Squad “A” are positioned at the Crags Campground and are providing information to area outfitters and recreating public.

The Teton Wildland Fire Module’s Squad “B” continues to watch over the Roaring and Harbor Fires and keeping track of recreationalists in the Bighorn Crags area and providing fire information and weather observations.

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Trail Closures for the Salmon-Challis National Forest include:

- **South Fork Waterfall Trail (#6019)** beginning at the junction with **Waterfall Trail (#6045)** to its end.
- **Waterfall Trail (#6045)** Beginning at the junction with **Middle Fork River Trail (#6044)** to the confluence of the trail and the outlet of Terrace Lakes (where trail crosses headwaters of Waterfall Creek
- **Stoddard Lake Trail (#6140)** beginning at Stoddard Creek Point at the junction with **Stoddard Trail (#6169)** to its junction with **Forest Trail #6168**
- **Stoddard 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**
- **Mirror Lake Trail (#6022)** beginning at the junction with trail #6025 to Elkhorn Trail #025
- **Harbor Lake Trail (#6144)** from #6045 Waterfall Trail to #6021 Big Horn Crags Trail.
- **Crags Trail (#6021)** beginning at Big Clear Lake to Roaring Creek Lake.

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. Further information on the Middle Fork Complex can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4485/>

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