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Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Update

Salmon, ID--- The 1,128 acre Bighorn Fire, burning on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, is reporting minimal fire activity. The emergency fire closure for the bottom four miles of the Waterfall Creek Trail (National Forest System Trail #045) has been lifted.

Big Creek, Elk Bar, Love Bar and Redside river camps have been opened. Pine Bluff and Cutthroat Cove will remain closed while the Forest Service evaluates the potential for debris flow and flooding. River checkers at Boundary Creek, Indian Creek and the Flying B Ranch are available with fire information and to assign or change camps.

The Lewis & Clark Wildland Fire Module, currently on their second float down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, are identifying hazardous trees in river camps to determine when it will be safe for floaters to return. Mop-up continues at the Elk Bar camp with some interior smokes up the draw. Also, the fire module has been raking duff-litter in an effort to mitigate tree mortality and assessing hazards in camps downriver should the fire affect those areas.

The Little Beaver Complex has burned approximately 4,053 acres. The fire is located in a remote area about 26 miles west of Stanley, slightly east of Elk Creek and north of the Forest Service Road 579 (Stanley-Landmark Road). A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Svalberg) is in command of the nearly 200 firefighters who are working to slow and direct the spread of the fire. All main roads in the area are open but a closure immediately adjacent to the fire area remains in place. More information is available by contacting the Boise National Forest at 208-373-4100.

This is the last update from the Bighorn Fire Information Center. For information on future fire activity on the Salmon-Challis National Forest you visit the following website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/fire/2010/10index.shtml>. Satellite imagery maps showing locations of smoke across the United States are also available at <http://www.rap.ucar.edu/weather/satellite/>

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