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Banner Fire Update

A 200 acre fire is burning in steep, rugged terrain just west of Highway 21, 11 miles northwest of Stanley Idaho and five miles north of Banner Summit on the Salmon – Challis National Forest. The fire was reported at 1:30 p.m. Friday and grew quickly during the afternoon. Initial attack efforts included repeated retardant drops from aircraft and bucket drops from five helicopters. Four engines are also at the fire.

Eleven 20-person fire crews (six Type I and five Type II) have been ordered up by Central Idaho Dispatch. A Type II incident command team will take over management of the fire on Sunday morning.

Lola Campground has been closed. The Marsh Creek trailhead has been closed. The Bradley Boy Scout Camp was unoccupied yesterday and will not be used while there is fire activity in the area.

Drivers on Highway 21 should use caution between Cape Horn and Banner Summit. The fire is currently burning within 1/8 mile of the highway but the road is still open. Caution signs are placed on the highway because of low visibility and fire related traffic.