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Banner Fire Update –August 25

Stanley, Idaho – August 25, 2010 — Fire managers closed Highway 21 periodically throughout the day Tuesday to ensure firefighter and public safety as the smoke and flames reached the edge of the road. Fire crews made good progress along both Highway 21 and Marsh Creek Road, working the burn edge to reduce the risk of the fire crossing the roads. Highway 21 continues to be open to one lane with a pilot car depending on fire activity.

These tactics are in line with the management objectives of holding the fire at Highway 21 and Marsh Creek Road on the east and southeast side of the fire, while managing the incident for fire to fulfill a natural role in the wilderness. Firefighters are working to reduce the impact of the fire in the Marsh Creek drainage to protect the watershed as this watershed provides critical habitat for Chinook salmon, Steelhead trout, and bull trout.

Area Closure Information

The Lowman - Stanley Road #579 from Highway 21 west to Bruce Meadow and the Boundary Creek launch site is open to all traffic. The area north of road #579 from Highway 21 and Cape Horn Summit and northwest and northeast of Highway 21 (the pilot car section) is closed due to fire activity. This area includes lower Marsh Creek and the Lola Creek and Beaver Creek drainages. The Beaver Creek road #008 to the Seafoam area, the Marsh Creek road #203 near the Capehorn Guard Station and the Marsh Creek trail head are also closed.

Resources

20-Person Fire Crews	13
Engines	17
Helicopters	5
Overhead	139
Total Personnel	476

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