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### Banner Fire Update –August 27

Stanley, Idaho – August 27, 2010 — Firefighter’s progress will allow fire managers to open Highway 21 at Noon today for two way traffic. Short term delays are possible as fire crews continue to mop up the fireline along Highway 21 and begin suppression repair efforts. Firefighters will continue to work along the highway and ask that travelers proceed slowly through the fire area. The Banner Fire Emergency Area Closure remains in effect.

The line around the non-wilderness side of the fire held through yesterday’s strong winds with some spotting across Marsh Creek. Firefighters were able to put out the spot fires and continue to monitor the area for new fire activity. The fire grew approximately 300 acres yesterday bringing the total acreage burned to 2,365 acres. Today’s cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity will aid fire crews in their suppression efforts.

20-Person Fire Crews	14
Engines	17
Helicopters	5
Overhead	114
Total Personnel	542

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