



## ***River Breaks Fire North Fork, Idaho***

### **Burn Operations Complete and Line Rehabilitation Started**

North Fork, Id – Burnout operations on the River Breaks Fire came to a successful close today and the line construction that began last week is in the process of being repaired.

The fire, now 1,750 acres and 80 percent contained made short runs today that caused smoke to billow across the valley as crews completed burnout operations along the Salmon River near North Fork. A low inversion kept smoke in the valley which is expected to clear with the arrival of cooler, wet weather Sunday night and into Monday.

Operations Section Chief, Colt Mortenson was pleased with the days' burning operations. *“Crews safely tied the fire in at the river and all our plans were well executed. All in all it was a good day, we got the results we wanted.”*

All helicopters and fuel tenders were moved from near North Fork to the Salmon Airport. This is a precaution to prevent heavy equipment from sinking into soft ground. These aircraft will still be available if needed.

A significant demobilization effort is under way to release crews and resources no longer needed. The 258 remaining resources will burn out small islands of fuel in the interior of the burn. They will rehabilitate hand lines and install water-bars. Long term rehabilitation plans are also being formulated.

The road closure from the northern segment of the Ridge Road #60020 from the junction with the Stormy Road #60023 north along Napoleon Ridge to its terminus at Napoleon Hill; and the Deep Creek Road # 60129 from its junction with the Comet Creek Trail #6071 to its junction with the Ridge Road remains in effect.

With the rain, roads may be come muddy and dangerous. We encourage residents to remain diligent with driving slowly and to keep an eye out for fire traffic.

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