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Salmon-Challis National Forest Area Fires

Salmon, Idaho – There are several fires burning in and around the Salmon-Challis National Forest. “We recognize the impacts that smoke, area and trail closures have on residents and recreationists, states Chuck Mark, Forest Supervisor for the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor, “Our objectives with fires during the 2013 fire season are to protect public and firefighter safety, and where applicable, keep the fire from impacting recreation sites, private, and agency structures.”

Salmon-Challis National Forest Fires:

Papoose Fire: The Papoose Fire, which was detected on July 8th, was active yesterday on the fire’s southern and western flanks, with the fire burning grass, brush and small stands of timber in rugged, inaccessible terrain above the Middle Fork Salmon River. The fire grew by 1,267 acres Monday. Fire size is currently estimated at 7,771 acres with 40 personnel assigned. Smoke from the Papoose Fire is drifting into Salmon. More information on the Papoose Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3510/>.

Lodgepole Fire: The Lodgepole Fire was detected on Saturday, July 20. Local fire resources were dispatched to the scene where aggressive fire suppression efforts were put into place. The fire is currently burning in Lodgepole pine and dispersed Douglas fir. Observed fire behavior is running, torching, and spotting. Dry conditions and well above normal average temperatures are expected through Tuesday. A Type 2 Team took over management of the fire at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22nd. Fire size is currently estimated at 1,000 acres with 273 personnel assigned. More information on the Lodgepole Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3535/>.

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Bradley Fire: The Bradley Fire was reported July 20th. Due to the location of the fire, there was a heavy initial attack response. The Bradley Boy Scout Camp and campers in the general area were evacuated in cooperation with Custer County Sheriff's office. There is an emergency area closure in place ([area closure information](#)). Fire size is currently estimated at 50 acres with 86 personnel assigned. More information on the Bradley Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3536/>.

Other area fires:

The Ridge Fire, located on the Boise National Forest. On Monday, the fire was most active on the north end where it progressed into the Red Mountain Fire of 2006 and burned into the Cat Lakes area. An additional 644 acres burned and crews constructed more line bringing containment to 10%. All previously built containment line has held despite wind and dry conditions. Fire size is currently estimated at 3,704 acres with 318 personnel assigned. More information on the Ridge Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3523/>.

The Gold Pan Fire, located on the Bitterroot National Forest. The Gold Pan fire grew to 3,082 acres on Monday. The most active parts of the fire were on the SW corner between Gold Pan Lake and Buck Knob and on the E, SE side in lower Gold Pan Creek, Tepee Creek and Langdon Gulch. The fire hung up on the ridge south of Kim Creek and is still approximately 4/10 of a mile south of Kim Creek Saddle and the Magruder Corridor. Smoke from the Gold Pan Fire is drifting into the town of North Fork. More information on the Gold Pan Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3538/>.

The 210 Road Fire, located on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The 210 Road fire is estimated at 300 acres and is four miles south of Stanley, Idaho.

Additional information on fires on the Salmon-Challis National Forest can be found throughout the season by visiting: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/46/> or by calling the Public Lands Center in Salmon at 208-756-5100.

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