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Wildfire Update: Papoose Fire

July 20, 2013

Date of Detection: July 8, 2013

Cause: Lightning

Size: 6,470 acres

Location: Papoose Creek, North-Fork Ranger District
Approximately 40 air miles west of Salmon, ID

Managing Agency: U.S. Forest Service, Salmon-Challis National Forest

The Papoose Fire was active today in gusty winds, burning about 800 acres since yesterday. The fire is burning grass, brush and small stands of timber in rugged, inaccessible terrain above the Middle Fork Salmon River. **Trail closures are pending in the Papoose Fire area. Closure announcements will follow Sunday.**

Firefighters are patrolling the river corridor by boat to assess campsites between Big Creek and Goat Creek, removing ground fuels as needed. Boaters are checking in at the Flying B Ranch to coordinate with forest personnel to receive camp and fire information. Boaters are asked to be flexible regarding space-sharing, and possible campsite reassignments. The safety of the public and firefighters is the priority of Papoose Fire Managers.

Two new fires started on the Salmon-Challis N.F. today - their causes are still undetermined. The Bradley Fire started 13 miles northwest of Stanley, burning 250 acres in grass, brush and timber. The Bradley Boy Scout Camp was evacuated this afternoon. No injuries were reported. A Type-3 incident commander and smokejumpers were ordered for the fire. An incident management team (Type-2) is en route to the 400-acre Lodgepole Fire, burning grass, brush and timber in rugged terrain ten miles west of Challis. Two forest engines, two forest hand crews and aircraft responded. Fire managers are working to keep the fire off private land. Four rappellers continue progress on the one-acre Marble Fire, started by lightning on Wednesday, seven miles north of the Middle Fork Salmon River.

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