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Wildfire Update: Papoose Fire

July 22, 2013

Date of Detection: July 8, 2013

Cause: Lightning

Size: 6,504 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 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. An updated fire acreage will follow Tuesday morning after tonight's aerial mapping. **Four trail closures are in effect on the Salmon-Challis National Forest North Fork Ranger District in the Papoose Fire area.** These trail closures are needed to protect visitors from the hazards associated with the Papoose Fire. **The closure announcement and a link to trail closure maps can be viewed at:** <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/article/3510/19281/>.

Firefighters are removing ground fuels as needed in campsites between Big Creek and Goat Creek. Boaters are checking in with forest personnel to receive camp and fire information, and asked to please be flexible regarding space-sharing and potential campsite reassignments.

Four rappellers continued work on the Allison Fire today near McKim Creek, 25 miles south of Salmon, containing the lightning-sparked, one-quarter acre fire today. A helicopter from the Salmon-Challis N.F. provided assistance today to the Beaverhead N.F. with a three-acre fire burning in timber. At press time there were no ground resources on scene or fire name available. Smoke from the Gold Pan Fire on the Bitterroot N.F. is drifting into the town of North Fork. Smoke from the Papoose Fire is drifting into Salmon. The Lodgepole Fire is burning actively west of Challis, about 60 miles south of Salmon. For updates, maps and photos of the Papoose Fire, other Idaho wildfires, and all team managed incidents, please visit www.inciweb.org.