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Wildfire Update: Papoose Fire

July 30, 2013

Date of Detection: July 8, 2013. **Cause:** Lightning.

Size: 9,439 acres.

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

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

Fire activity and acreage gain was minimal on the Papoose Fire Tuesday. A Red Flag Warning remains in effect for the fire area for gusty winds and low relative humidity. Scattered thunderstorms are also expected in the fire area Wednesday. An Emergency Area Closure is in effect for the Papoose Fire Area. The Emergency Area Closure Announcement and Area Closure Map can be viewed at www.inciweb.org/incident/article/3510/19522/. Previous trail closures have been rescinded and incorporated into the area closure, and Waterfall Trail and South Fork Waterfall Trail also remain closed.

The fire continues to burn grass, brush and small stands of timber above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Firefighters are working in groups assigned to patrolling the river corridor, campsites and fire area, and protecting structures in the area of Taylor Ranch. Fire personnel are also assessing structures from the mouth of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River to Arctic Creek Lodge on the Salmon River.

Middle Fork Boaters are required to check-in with forest personnel for camp and fire information at the Flying B Ranch. Please be flexible regarding space-sharing and potential campsite reassignments.

The Falls Fire started by lightning on Monday and has burned 80 acres near May, Idaho. It is being staffed by a forest engine, two helicopters and four hand crews.

Smoke from the 13,212-acre Gold Pan Fire on the Bitterroot N.F. is drifting into the town of North Fork. The 13,700-acre Lodgepole Fire is burning actively west of Challis. Emergency Area Closures are in effect for both incidents.