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Wildfire Update: Papoose Fire

Date of Detection: July 8, 2013. **Cause:** Lightning. **Size:** 9,511 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

Activity on the Papoose Fire on Tuesday was minimal, with fire activity in the area of Big Hill creeping through grass, brush, and small stands of timber. The fire is burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Isolated thunderstorms swept across the Salmon-Challis National Forest this afternoon. Firefighters from Colorado's White River Fire Module are patrolling the river corridor by boat. An Emergency Area Closure remains in effect for the Papoose Fire Area, viewable at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/3510/19522/>. Previous trail closures located to the west of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River were incorporated into the area closure. The Waterfall Trail and South Fork Waterfall Trail closure has been terminated and are now open for public use. Further information on the Papoose Fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3510/>.

There were three new fires detected on the Salmon-Challis National Forest today. The fires are the Big Creek Fire on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District and the Opal and Moyer Fires on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. All fires are currently being staffed and are less than one acre in size.

The 17,163-acre Gold Pan Fire on the Bitterroot N.F. is burning about 40 miles northwest of the town of North Fork. The 22,533-acre Lodgepole Fire is burning about eight miles west of Challis. The Elk Complex on the Boise N.F. has burned 98,413-acres about 24 miles northeast of Mountain Home. The 143,900-acre Pony Complex is burning on the Boise N.F. about 12 miles northeast of Mountain Home. Smoke from the fires on the Boise N.F. is drifting north toward Salmon and Challis. Please see <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/13> for more information about these incidents.