Gun Club Fire

Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team
Irv Leach Incident Commander

Daily Fact Sheet August 20, 2016 8:00 a.m.

Approximate Size: 1,000 acres **Containment**: 20%
Resources: Hand Crews: (5) Type 2 crews **Engines**: 12 **Air Support:** (4) helicopters
Heavy Equipment: 1 dozer; 3 Water tenders
Total personnel: 217 **Injuries:** One (minor)

The lives and safety of the public and of the incident responders will always be our first consideration. Let us not forget those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Today we honor Justin Beebe (Lolo Hot Shots) for his service and offer our condolences to his family.

Leach's Type 2 Interagency Incident Management Team assumed management of the fire at 6 am this morning. They will continue working with Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho County Sheriff's Office and Idaho Department of Transportation in the suppression of the fire.

An area closure (Order No. 01-17-01-16-014) has been established around the fire for public safety.

Traffic along Highway 95 is reminded to keep moving and not stop along the shoulders of the road to view fire activity. Extra care should be taken while driving because of increased fire traffic.

Morning Fire Update:
Yesterday firefighters and aerial resources continued to keep the fire south of Lightning Creek, north and east of the Salmon River, and west of Little Berg Creek. Crew's secured existing lines and continued fireline along the north perimeter. On the east flank of the fire perimeter, firefighting resources successfully constructed line to the main Salmon River.

Today, crews will work to secure the line along the east flank. A control line is being constructed on the north flank to tie in with an existing road. Firefighters will be working on suppressing fire that has crept into the timber on the northeast perimeter. Air resources will continue to support firefighters on the line.

The Gun Club fire is located 1 mile west of the Time Zone Bridge and is visible from the community of Riggins, Idaho.

Current Closures:

- The closure area to the north includes trail 82 (closed), a portion of trail 136 (closed), to the east it includes a portion of trail 118 (closed) and is bordered by FS Road 221 (road 221, Grangeville-Salmon, is open), the southern border is road 1614 (road 1614 is open) and the perimeter to the west is the forest boundary. FS Road, 263 lies within the perimeter and is closed (see www.inciweb.nwcg.gov for a map of the area closure).

Special Concerns: Rafters and others using the Lower Salmon should be very conscientious of firefighting efforts, yielding the river to helicopters that may be dipping in the river. Float groups are advised to stay together and not stop to watch the aerial support activities. Rafters should pull over temporarily if they come upon a helicopter already dipping in the river, then continue through the area as quickly as possible when the helicopter leaves.

More Information: Visit Inciweb at inciweb.nwcg.gov, select Gun Club fire.

Fire behavior can change rapidly and visitors are encouraged to contact the Salmon River Ranger District at 208-839-2211(Mon-Fri) or email gunclubfire@gmail.com for current fire information. Current Fire and closure information will also be posted on InciWeb at: http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/ and on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests website at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater.

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