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Fire Update

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Wilderness Fire Continues to Burn in the Cedar Creek Drainage

Kamiah, Idaho (July 28, 2016) – The July 17, lightning caused Cedar fire, continues to burn in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and is under the management of the Powell Ranger Station. The fire is located 2 miles northwest of Elk Summit and 11 miles south of the Powell Ranger Station.

Periods of increased fire activity has been observed as the fire continues to advance to the southwest towards the Cedar Creek drainage. Continued growth is also expected to the north due to dry, steep slopes in the Cedar Creek drainage. The fire is currently estimated at 490 acres.

The fire is burning in mature Spruce and Sub-alpine fir in the Cedar Creek drainage, Lodgepole Pine stands on the ridge tops, and Cedar in wet areas. Numerous natural barriers and past fire events lie east of the Cedar fire.

During active burn periods, smoke is visible from the Elk Summit road, the Powell Ranger Station and in the Bitterroot Valley. Fire managers are working with air quality specialists to monitor smoke and potential impacts to communities. Smoke will continue to be seen intermittently as fire activity increases, weather systems pass through, and changes in temperature occur.

Forest Service trail #6, Cedar Ridge, remains closed for public health and safety due to wildfire.

The fire is currently not threatening life or property. Long term management of the fire is planned to meet resource objectives and maintain the natural occurrence of fire in wilderness. The fire will continue to be closely monitored by ground and aerial resources to protect potential values at risk. Potential values at risk include the Elk Summit Guard Station, Kooskooskia trailhead, Graves Peak Lookout, Hoodoo Creek bridge and Bridge Creek bridge.

Fire and closure information will be posted on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4874/>, the Lolo Pass Visitor Center, Elk Summit, Kooskooskia trailhead, the junction of the Forest Service road 358 and Forest Service road 360 and on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests website.

Know before you go. Visitors planning recreation activities in the area are encouraged to contact the Lochsa/Powell Ranger District at (208) 942-3113, to get the most up to date fire information.

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