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Fire Update

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Gun Club Fire - Morning Update - August 19, 2016

Detected: August 17, 2016, 8:45 p.m.

Cause: Under investigation

Current Estimated Size: 1,000 Acres

Containment: 0%

Resources: 135 personnel including - 5 Crews, 1 Dozer, 8 Engines, 4 helicopters, multiple single engine air tankers (SEATS)

The Gun Club fire is located 1 mile west of the Time Zone Bridge and is visible from the community of Riggins, Idaho. It is burning in very steep grassy terrain and includes locations that are not safe or accessible to firefighters. Firefighter and public safety are the agencies top priority in wildland fire management. Agency administrators and incident managers make choices to minimize risk and focus on areas where firefighters can be the most effective.

Yesterday crews worked to construct fireline on the north flank of the fire. Aerial resources were used to drop water and retardant to slow the fires progress and to aid firefighting efforts to keep the fire to the south of Lightning Creek and progressively south toward Salmon Point.

Today firefighters and aerial resources will be working to continue to keep the fire south of Lightning Creek, north and east of the Salmon River, and west of Little Berg Creek. Crews will also be working to secure lines constructed yesterday and continue construction of line on the north perimeter.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team will arrive this afternoon and will assume command of the fire on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 6:00 a.m.

A temporary flight restriction is in effect. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones are prohibited. Unauthorized UAS flights over or near a wildfire could cause serious injury or death to firefighters in the air and/or firefighters and members of the public on the ground and suspend aerial operations. The bottom line is that "If you fly, we can't."

Closures: An area closure is in effect. 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.

Fire behavior can change rapidly and visitors are encouraged to contact the Salmon River Ranger District at 208-839-2211 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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