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MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX UPDATE

Salmon, Idaho: Fire summary for the Middle Fork Complex. The Middle Fork Complex is comprised of the Waterfall and Stoddard fires.

Date of Detection: Waterfall: August 11, 2015
Stoddard: August 12, 2015

Cause: Lightning

Size: Waterfall: 25-35 acres
Stoddard: 60 acres

Location: Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness; North Fork Ranger District, about 40 air miles west of Salmon, ID.
Waterfall: East of the Middle Fork Salmon River; North of Waterfall Creek
Stoddard: West of the Middle Fork Salmon River; North of Cradle Creek

Fuels: Waterfall: open timber and grass
Stoddard: open timber and grass

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

A Type 3 incident management team (IMT) led by Mike Smith has been assigned to this complex and assumed command at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Both fires are burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain. These fires will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, their natural ecological roles with the wilderness. Firefighters will be patrolling the river corridor on foot and by boat starting tomorrow.

Providing for firefighter and public safety is an objective of the Middle Fork Complex Fire Managers. Hot temperatures and isolated scattered showers and thunderstorms are predicted in the fire area through early evening on Friday.

Know before you go. Always check with your local Ranger Station prior to your trip to get the most up to date information on current fire activity, fire danger, and fire restrictions for the area. Further information on the Middle Fork Complex can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4485/>.

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