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STEIN AND ROARING FIRES UPDATE AUGUST 17, 2016

SALMON, ID –The Stein Fire located on the North Fork Ranger District, is estimated at 103 acres and is burning in subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. The fire is located between Stein and North Mountain in steep, inaccessible terrain, approximately seven miles northeast of North Fork, Idaho. The fire is staffed with sixteen smokejumpers, four rappellers, one, five person hand crew, three engines, one Type I (Heavy) helicopter, and five Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs). Two Type I Interagency Hotshot (IHC) crews, one Type II Initial Attack (IA) crew, and two Type I (Heavy) helicopters are enroute to the fire. The Stein Lookout has been safely removed.



*Stein Fire, August 16, Photo
Credit: Conrad Dougherty*

The Stein Fire was caused by a holdover lightning strike from Sunday, August 14th. Priorities for the fire managers are to limit fire growth to the west and south, to try and keep the fire out of Wagonhammer and Fourth of July Creek drainages. As additional resources arrive on to the fire, the north and east portions of the fire will be addressed.

The fire is currently active on all sides with torching and spotting. Hazards including spotting, steep inaccessible terrain, and numerous snags are present throughout the fire area.

An area closure will soon be in effect. The closure will tentatively encompass the following geographical area points: Morgan Mountain, south along the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), intersecting the Carmen Creek Trail junction at the CDT, southwesterly down Carmen Creek to the Salmon-Challis National Forest boundary line, proceeding northwesterly along the Salmon-Challis National Forest Boundary to HWY 93, continuing north along HWY 93 to the intersection of Sheep Creek road, then easterly up Sheep Creek road to Morgan Mountain.

The Roaring Fire, on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District is 1,907 acres, burning in a remote part of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness on the ridge between Roaring and Goat Creeks above the confluence of the Middle Fork Salmon and Salmon Rivers. This fire is adjacent to the 2014 Goat Fire and is being managed to allow fire to play, as nearly as possible, its natural role in wilderness.

For more information on the Stein Fire can be found on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4966/> You are also welcome to visit the Salmon-Challis National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/home>, and check out News & Events, 'Like Us' on <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>, and 'Follow Us' on <https://twitter.com/SalmonChallisNF> for further information.

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