



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 20, 2006, 7 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

NOTE: This will be the final update from the Northern Arizona Team. Management of the South Fork Complex fires returned to the Payette National Forest at 6 a.m. today.

Summary: The South Fork Salmon River Road closure was lifted at 6 a.m. today. The fire area received measurable precipitation yesterday. Cool temperatures and showers are predicted for today, and minimal fire activity is expected.

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,594 acres

Large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Predicted Weather: There will be a continuing chance of showers today.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Road Closures: The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) closure was lifted at 6 a.m. today. There are no road closures in effect related to the South Fork Complex fires.

Area Closures: There are no area closures in effect related to the South Fork Complex fires. However, an area closure remains in place on the west side of the forest on the Council Ranger District. The Bear Tornado Area Closure map can be viewed on the Payette National Forest website under Current Conditions: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette/conditions/index.shtml>.

Restrictions: No fire restrictions are in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Boyd Hartwig, Payette National Forest Public Affairs Officer, 208-634-0784



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 19, 2006, 7 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Summary: Effective today, fire restrictions were lifted for the Payette National Forest. Fire and forest managers tentatively plan to lift the closure of the South Fork Salmon River Road at 6 a.m. tomorrow. While smoke was visible from some of the fires in the complex yesterday, they are not growing. Minimal fire activity is expected over the next few days. Fire managers are demobilizing resources assigned to the fire.

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,594 acres

Large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 4 engines; total personnel = 53

Predicted Weather: There will be an increasing chance of showers this afternoon and evening. Showers are predicted to continue into tomorrow.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Road Closures: The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs. Forest and fire managers tentatively plan to lift the road closure at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Area Closures: There are no area closures in effect related to the South Fork Complex fires. However, an area closure remains in place on the west side of the forest on the Council Ranger District. The Bear Tornado Area Closure map can be viewed on the Payette National Forest website under Current Conditions: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette/conditions/index.shtml>.

Restrictions: Effective today, fire restrictions were lifted for the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.): 208-634-0990
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 18, 2006, 7 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Summary: Fire managers flew over the fires in the South Fork Complex yesterday. The fires continue to smolder but are not growing due to recent precipitation. Minimal fire activity is expected over the next few days. Fire managers are demobilizing resources assigned to the fire.

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,594 acres

Large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 4 engines; total personnel = 87

Predicted Weather: Warmer and drier conditions are expected today. There will be an increasing chance of showers tonight and through tomorrow.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Road Closures: The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs. Forest and fire managers are evaluating the road closure on a daily basis and will lift it as soon as conditions allow.

Area Closures: Yesterday, fire and forest managers lifted the area closures for the Bear Lake, Rainbow, and Lick Creek fires. An area closure remains in place on the west side of the forest on the Council Ranger District. The Bear Tornado Area Closure map can be viewed on the Payette National Forest website under Current Conditions: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette/conditions/index.shtml>.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.): 208-634-0990
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com

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Payette National Forest

Date: September 17, 2006

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Three Area Closures Lifted

McCall, ID – Fire and Forest managers today lifted the Area Closures for the Bear Lake, Rainbow, and Lick Creek Fires. The closures were established earlier this summer as a public safety measure. Area Closures for the Messenger Fire and Dunce Fire were lifted last month.

An Area Closure remains in place on the west side of the Forest on the Council Ranger District. The Bear Tornado Area Closure map can be viewed on the Payette National Forest website under Current Conditions:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette/conditions/index.shtml>

For more information, contact the Payette National Forest Public Affairs Office at, (208) 634-0784

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South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 17, 2006, 7 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Summary: The three area closures on the east side of the Payette National Forest were lifted at 6 a.m. today. The fires did not grow yesterday due to precipitation. Minimal fire activity is expected over the next few days. Fire managers are demobilizing resources assigned to the fire.

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Two of the nine large fires are in Wildland Fire Use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,594 acres

Large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 5 engines; total personnel = 130

Predicted Weather: Several days of cooler temperatures, higher humidity and chance of precipitation.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Road Closures: The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs. Forest and fire managers are evaluating the road closure on a daily basis and will lift it as soon as conditions allow.

Area Closures: As of 6 a.m. today, no area closures remain in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.): 208-634-0990
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 16, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Two of the nine large fires are in Wildland Fire Use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,594 acres (Slight decrease in acres due to more accurate mapping.)

Large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 8 engines, 1 water tender. Total personnel = 170

Predicted Weather: Several days of cooler temperatures, higher humidity and chance of precipitation.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Summary: Fire growth was minimal yesterday due to lower temperatures and higher relative humidity levels. Minimal fire activity is expected over the next few days if predicted rain/snow showers materialize.

Road Closures: The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs. Forest and fire managers are evaluating the road closure on a daily basis and will lift it as soon as conditions allow.

Area Closures: Three area closures remain in effect on the east side of the Payette National Forest. These closures are necessary due to threats associated with continuing fire activity. The closure areas surround the Rainbow, Lick Creek and Bear Lake Fires. Forest and fire managers tentatively plan to lift the area closures at 6 a.m. tomorrow (Sunday, Sept. 17).

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.): 208-634-0990
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 15, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine active, large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Two of the nine large fires are in Wildland Fire Use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 51,627 acres

Active, large fires:

- Cougar Fire (joined with Camp Creek 2/Poverty Fire) – 28,431 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,473 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,610 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,360 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 3,275 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,907 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,565 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 8 engines, 1 water tender. Total personnel = 183

Predicted Weather: Several days of cooler temperatures, higher humidity and chance of precipitation.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Summary: The fires in the complex were less active yesterday due to increased relative humidity, lower temperatures and scattered rainfall. However, the fires remain active, and additional precipitation will be needed to halt their spread. Smoke will continue to be visible until the fires are out.

Road Closures: As of 6 a.m. yesterday, all road closures related to the South Fork Complex were lifted *except* for the South Fork Salmon River Road closure. The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs.

Area Closures: Three area closures remain in effect on the east side of the Payette National Forest. These closures are necessary due to threats associated with continuing fire activity. The closure areas surround the Rainbow, Lick Creek and Bear Lake Fires.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.): (208-634-0990)
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 14, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine active, large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Two of the nine large fires are in wildland fire use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: Fires in the complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 47,751 acres

Active, large fires:

- Cougar Fire (joined with Camp Creek 2/Poverty Fire) – 25,696 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,368 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,290 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,383 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,543 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,348 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,450 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,840 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,539 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 1 Type 1 crew (hotshot crew), 2 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 light), 12 engines, 6 water tenders. Total personnel = 243

Predicted Weather: Today is predicted to be mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Temperatures should be much cooler with highs between 48 and 63 degrees. Minimum relative humidity levels will be about 30 percent.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed. The Evacuation Alert 2 was lifted today at 6 a.m. for the communities of Yellow Pine and Big Creek/Edwardsburg.

Summary: The fires in the complex were active yesterday with smoke columns visible from nearby communities. The Cougar, Rainbow and Sheep Creek fires grew significantly to the east. Fire behavior should moderate somewhat today due to lower temperatures and higher relative humidity levels.

Closures: As of 6 a.m. today, all road closures related to the South Fork Complex were lifted except for the South Fork Salmon River Road closure. The South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) remains closed between Lick Creek Road and Penny Springs.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.): (208) 634-0990
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 13, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are nine active, large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Originally, the complex had 26 fires. Some of the fires grew together, and others have not been active in several days. Two of the nine large fires are in wildland fire use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: All of the fires in the South Fork Complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 45,587 acres

Active, large fires:

- Cougar Fire (joined with Camp Creek 2/Poverty Fire) – 24,213 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,336 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,268 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,146 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,523 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,320 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,185 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,809 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 1,277 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 1 Type 1 crew (hotshot crew), 2 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 light), 14 engines, 8 water tenders. Total personnel = 262

Predicted Weather: Stronger winds are predicted for today. Winds will be 8 to 12 mph with gusts to 25 mph. A cold front is expected to arrive Thursday. There will be a chance of precipitation beginning very early Thursday morning.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed. The communities of Yellow Pine and Big Creek/Edwardsburg remain under Evacuation Alert 2. Level 2 is precautionary. It means that conditions indicate that hazards associated with an approaching fire will severely limit the ability to provide emergency service protection. Residents in an area under Evacuation Alert 2 should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. **THE VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH FIRE AND FOREST MANAGERS, TENTATIVELY PLANS TO LIFT THE EVACUATION ALERT 2 AT 6 A.M. THURSDAY.**

Summary: Most of the fires in the complex were somewhat active yesterday due to warmer temperatures. Today, increased fire activity is expected due to the predicted stronger winds. Even though the South Fork Complex fires continue to grow slowly, firefighters remain vigilant in providing

structure protection for Yellow Pine, Big Creek/Edwardsburg, Johnson Creek and the South Fork Salmon River Road infrastructure.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions prohibit:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except in designated recreation sites, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
- Personal briquette barbeque use, except within designated recreation sites.
- Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The use of propane, butane, or white gas lanterns and stoves and LPG gas stoves is not restricted within the defined restriction area.

The following Road Closures are in effect:

CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC TRAVEL:

- South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Penny Springs
- Stibnite Road east of the Profile Road (FS 412)
- Quartz Creek Road north of Yellow Pine (FS 067)

OPEN TO RESIDENT TRAFFIC ONLY:

- Profile Road from Yellow Pine north to Edwardsburg/Big Creek (FS 340)
- Lick Creek Road (FS 412) between Yellow Pine and Lick Creek Summit

ROAD ADVISORY – POTENTIAL FIRE ACTIVITY AND HAZARDS:

- Old Thunder Mountain Road (FS 440)

ADDITIONAL AREA ROAD CLOSURES ARE IN EFFECT ON THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST WEBSITE.

County officials, in cooperation with fire and forest managers, tentatively plan to lift all road closures except for the South Fork Salmon River Road at 6 a.m. Thursday. The closure of the South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Penny Springs will remain in effect.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.): (208) 634-1593
- Recorded information relevant to road closures within the South Fork Complex is available at (208) 634-1766.
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 12, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are 10 active, large (more than 500 acres) fires in the complex. Originally, the complex had 26 fires. Some of the fires grew together, and others have not been active in several days. Two of the 10 large fires are in wildland fire use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: All of the fires in the South Fork Complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 41,600 acres

Active, large fires:

- Cougar Fire – 12,555 acres
- Camp Creek 2/Poverty Fire – 9,530 acres
- Tailholt Fire – 4,178 acres
- Van Meter Fire – 3,210 acres
- Rainbow Fire – 3,096 acres
- Bishop Fire – 2,402 acres
- Tamarack Wildland Fire Use Fire – 2,284 acres
- Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire – 1,483 acres
- Phoebe 2 Fire – 1,292 acres
- Twin Lakes Fire – 954 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 1 Type 1 crew (hotshot crew), 2 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 light), 15 engines, 8 water tenders. Total personnel = 264

Predicted Weather: The weather today is predicted to be about the same as yesterday. The high temperature will be about 82 degrees. The minimum relative humidity level is expected to be about 10 percent. Winds should be light. The inversion will likely hold through most of the morning, which means that smoke will not lift until into the afternoon. Higher winds may move into the fire area Wednesday. On Thursday, temperatures will be cooler, and there is a 40 percent chance of showers in the afternoon.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed. The communities of Yellow Pine and Big Creek/Edwardsburg remain under Evacuation Alert 2. **THE VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH FIRE AND FOREST MANAGERS, TENTATIVELY PLANS TO LIFT THE EVACUATION ALERT 2 AT 6 A.M. THURSDAY.**

Summary: Most of the fires in the complex were active yesterday due to warmer temperatures and the lifting of the inversion. Smoke from the Rainbow Fire, which is located about 14 air miles east of McCall, was noticeable throughout the afternoon. The smoke column will likely be visible today as

well. The South Fork Complex fires continue to exhibit short flame lengths and slow rates of spread. Firefighters continue to protect Poverty Flats Campground and the South Fork Salmon River Road infrastructure. Structure protection remains in effect for Yellow Pine, Big Creek/Edwardsburg and Johnson Creek.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions prohibit:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except in designated recreation sites, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
- Personal briquette barbeque use, except within designated recreation sites.
- Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The use of propane, butane, or white gas lanterns and stoves and LPG gas stoves is not restricted within the defined restriction area.

The following Road Closures are in effect:

CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC TRAVEL:

- South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Warm Lake Road
- Stibnite Road east of the Profile Road (FS 412)
- Quartz Creek Road north of Yellow Pine (FS 067)

OPEN TO RESIDENT TRAFFIC ONLY:

- Profile Road from Yellow Pine north to Edwardsburg/Big Creek (FS 340)
- Lick Creek Road (FS 412) between Yellow Pine and Lick Creek Summit

ROAD ADVISORY – POTENTIAL FIRE ACTIVITY AND HAZARDS:

- Old Thunder Mountain Road (FS 440)

ADDITIONAL AREA ROAD CLOSURES ARE IN EFFECT ON THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST WEBSITE.

County officials, in cooperation with fire and forest managers, tentatively plan to lift all road closures except for the South Fork Salmon River Road at 6 a.m. Thursday. The closure of the South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Warm Lake Road will remain in effect.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.): (208) 634-1593
- Recorded information relevant to road closures within the South Fork Complex is available at (208) 634-1766.
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 11, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are about 10 fires in the complex that are active. Originally, the complex had 26 fires. Many of the fires have now grown together. Other fires have not been active in several days. Still other fires have not been seen in several days due to smoky conditions that have limited fire managers' ability to fly over the area.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: All of the fires in the South Fork Complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 36,613 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 1 Type 1 crew (hotshot crew), 3 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 medium, 1 light), 14 engines, 8 water tenders. Total personnel = 253

Predicted Weather: Temperatures are expected to be a few degrees higher today and tomorrow. Beginning late this week, there will be an increasing chance for wet weather.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed. The communities of Yellow Pine and Big Creek/Edwardsburg remain under Evacuation Alert 2. Level 2 is precautionary. It means that conditions indicate that hazards associated with an approaching fire will severely limit the ability to provide emergency service protection. Residents in an area under Evacuation Alert 2 should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

Summary: Helicopters worked extensively yesterday on the Van Meter Fire, which is located just north of Yellow Pine. They were able to hold the fire on a ridge above the community. Fire managers plan to continue using helicopters in the same area today. Firefighters are focusing their efforts on the protection of structures in Yellow Pine, Big Creek/Edwardsburg, Johnson Creek and the South Fork Road. With the lifting of the inversion and warmer temperatures, the fires in the complex may become more active, and more defined smoke columns may be visible.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Payette National Forest. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions prohibit:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except in designated recreation sites, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
- Personal briquette barbeque use, except within designated recreation sites.
- Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The use of propane, butane, or white gas lanterns and stoves and LPG gas stoves is not restricted within the defined restriction area.

The following Road Closures are in effect:

CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC TRAVEL:

- South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Warm Lake Road
- Stibnite Road east of the Profile Road (FS 412)
- Quartz Creek Road north of Yellow Pine (FS 067)

OPEN TO RESIDENT TRAFFIC ONLY:

- Profile Road from Yellow Pine north to Edwardsburg/Big Creek (FS 340)
- Lick Creek Road (FS 412) between Yellow Pine and Lick Creek Summit

ROAD ADVISORY – POTENTIAL FIRE ACTIVITY AND HAZARDS:

- Old Thunder Mountain Road (FS 440)

ADDITIONAL AREA ROAD CLOSURES ARE IN EFFECT ON THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST WEBSITE.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.): (208) 634-1593
- Recorded information relevant to road closures within the South Fork Complex is available at (208) 634-1766.
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com



South Fork Complex Update

Date: Sept. 10, 2006, 6 a.m.
Incident Website: www.inciweb.org

Fire Name: South Fork Complex; There are 26 fires in the complex. The South Fork Complex includes both wildland fires and wildland fire use fires. Two of the 26 fires are in wildland fire use status, which means that they are being actively managed to benefit forest resources.

Time/Date Started: Aug. 8, 2006

Location: All of the fires in the South Fork Complex are east of Idaho Highway 55 between Cascade and McCall.

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Mixed forest consisting of spruce, fir and pine.

Size: Total Size – 36,613 acres

% Contained: 20 %

Resources Committed: 1 Type 1 crew (hotshot crew), 3 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 medium, 1 light), 14 engines, 8 water tenders. Total personnel = 285

Predicted Weather: The high temperature will be about 74 degrees. Winds are predicted to be out of the northwest at about 8 mph. Minimum relative humidity levels will be about 8 percent.

Structures: No structures have been damaged or destroyed. The communities of Yellow Pine and Big Creek/Edwardsburg remain under Evacuation Alert 2. Level 2 is precautionary. It means that conditions indicate that hazards associated with an approaching fire will severely limit the ability to provide emergency service protection. Residents in an area under Evacuation Alert 2 should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

Summary: The Northern Arizona Incident Management Team took over management of the South Fork Complex at 6 p.m. yesterday. Fire managers were able to view the fires from the air for the first time in 6 days due to the persistent smoke inversion over the fires. The fires have continued to grow in size slowly from mostly surface spread. Occasional isolated tree torching was observed.

The following Road Closures are in effect:

CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC TRAVEL:

- South Fork Salmon River Road (FS 474/674) from Lick Creek Road to Warm Lake Road
- Stibnite Road east of the Profile Road (FS 412)
- Quartz Creek Road north of Yellow Pine (FS 067)

OPEN TO RESIDENT TRAFFIC ONLY:

- Profile Road from Yellow Pine north to Edwardsburg/Big Creek (FS 340)
- Lick Creek Road (FS 412) between Yellow Pine and Lick Creek Summit

ROAD ADVISORY – POTENTIAL FIRE ACTIVITY AND HAZARDS:

- Old Thunder Mountain Road (FS 440)

Recorded information relevant to road closures within the South Fork Complex is available at (208) 634-1766.

Additional fire information for the South Fork Complex:

- Fire Information Phone Number (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.): (208) 634-1593
- Northern Arizona Incident Management Team website: www.nazteam.com