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~~Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in fighting all wildland fires.~~

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FIRE UPDATE

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Salmon, Idaho

Basin Fire

Forty firefighters and one engine continue working on the 200 acre Basin Fire to complete suppression activities. The 200 acre fire, seven miles northeast of Stanley, was contained July 11 at 10 p.m. Crews are extinguishing remaining hot spots. Highway 75 is open. However, motorists should be alert for fire related traffic in the area.

Bohannon

The Bohannon Fire, ten miles east of Salmon is burning in extremely rugged, rocky terrain, and is being managed using a confine/contain strategy. "Our primary concern is the safety of firefighters and the public," said BLM Field Manager Steve Hartmann. "We will be taking those actions needed to protect life and property, but, the low commodity values of the area do not justify a large expenditure of money to suppress this fire." A team of fire specialists arrived in Salmon today to analyze the fire and assist local BLM managers in developing a confinement strategy.

West Granite

Five firefighters continue mop up and monitoring operations on the West Granite Fire, six miles west of Gibbonsville. The fire was controlled Wednesday at two acres.

Stein Fire

Five firefighters and one engine are on the one acre Stein Fire, two miles southeast of the Stein Mountain Lookout near North Fork.

New Fires

Lightning ignited two new fires yesterday.

Five firefighters and one engine are working on a small fire on Asher Creek 6 miles northeast of the Cape Horn Guard Station. And two firefighters rappelled from a helicopter to attack a spot fire in the Ditch Creek drainage just south of the Stein Fire.

