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FIRE UPDATE

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Salmon, Idaho

New Fire

Some lightning was observed yesterday afternoon and one new fire was reported as a result. The Grizzly Fire is near the Idaho/Montana border about 11 miles northwest of North Fork. Two rappellers had the fire contained at one tenth acre by evening. They should be demobilized this afternoon.

Van Horn

Progress continued on the Van Horn Fire with 65% containment reached yesterday. Fire fighters will continue preparing and moping up along the line from Van Horn Creek north to Alder Creek for possible burnout if conditions are favorable. A Temco felling machine is being used to help clear the contingency line for the burnout. Crews also continue mop up of the line on the northeast of the fire. Crews made good progress on the east flank, but fuels continue to dry out and fire behavior picked up yesterday afternoon. The 1650 acre fire is burning in the Morgan Creek drainage 15 miles north east of Challis.

The Van Horn Fire area closure remains in effect.

Clear Sage

The Clear Sage Fire showed some activity and growth yesterday. The fire is east of the Sagebrush Lookout in the Clear Creek drainage in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness. The fire is in the area burned by the Clear Creek Fire in 2000 and is being managed using confine and contain strategy because of the steep rugged terrain and because the area was heavily burned during the 2000 Clear Creek Fire. The Clear Sage Fire area closure remains in effect.

Bohannon

No change in acreage - 42 acres.

Stage I Fire Restrictions remain in place for the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

