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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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The Cayuse Fire was reported Monday afternoon, burning in Cayuse Creek, a tributary of Horse Creek in the Frank-Church River of No Return Wilderness 18 air miles northwest of Shoup, Idaho. Three helicopters were dropping water on the fire today and seven rappellers were moved into the area. The rappellers were later moved out of the fire area because of unsafe conditions. Fire managers will be using the appropriate management response to keep the fire from the Gatin Ranch three and one half miles to the east of the fire. The 1000 acre Woodhump Fire is burning on the Bitterroot National Forest just two miles west of the Cayuse Fire.

The Roan Fire, reported Wednesday, has burned 15 to 20 acres three miles south of the Cayuse Fire. Two helicopters are doing bucket drops on the fire.

The 200 acre Waterfall Wildland Fire Use fire continues to burn in the upper Waterfall Creek area about two miles east of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and about five miles north of the Middle Fork Peak Lookout in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The Waterfall Fire is currently a low intensity fire burning mostly in grass under a ponderosa pine stand. The fire is within the area burned by the Nine Shot Fire of 2005 and has the potential to move uphill toward Ship Island Creek.

To protect forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the fire the Waterfall Creek Trail #045 has been closed from the junction with the Middle Fork Trail # 044 near the Big Creek Bridge up to the downstream end of Lower Terrace Lake. The entire Bighorn Crags area remains open to the public. Currently the fire does not pose a hazard for float boat use of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. However, there may be some smoke in the area.

Two fire specialists are in the Waterfall Creek area to assess structure protection needs for the Waterfall Creek and Big Creek Bridges, to post trail closure notices and to contact boaters and other recreationists.