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FIRE UPDATE

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Fourth of July Fire

A wildfire, pushed by strong erratic winds, threatened structures just north of the mouth of Fourth of July Creek Thursday. Winds up to 45 miles per hour moved the fire toward homes at the mouth of Fourth of July Creek and then shifted and pushed the flames in the opposite direction up and over the ridge to the north. At one point the fire threatened the small community of Holcombville. Two single engine air tankers and one heavy air tanker dropped retardant on the fire and several helicopters made bucket drops. Engines from North Fork and Lemhi County rural fire departments responded to provide structure protection. A Forest Service engine from Leadore and several BLM engine were also assisting. A 20 person Type II hand crew and another 20 individuals are working on the fire. Overnight a little rain and higher relative humidity helped slow the fire which is now estimated to be 330 acres. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Pole Fire

Six helicopter rappellers continue working on the fire in the Pole Creek drainage, a tributary of Camas Creek in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness about six miles southwest of Meyers Cove. The fire remains at 3 acres.

Border Complex

Minimum activity was reported on the Border Complex, a combination of the Woodhump, Cayuse and Roan Fires, burning in the headwaters of the Selway River on the Bitterroot National Forest, and the headwaters of Horse Creek on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The combined acreage of these fires is still estimated to be 3,900 acres. Closures remain in effect on Forest trails in Cayuse Creek, Filly Creek, Roan creek and along the Selway/Horse Creek Divide.

Waterfall WFU

No activity has been reported on the remote Waterfall Wildland Fire Use fire and fire managers have re-opened the Waterfall Creek Trail #045 from the junction with the Middle Fork Trail # 044 near the Big Creek Bridge, on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, up to the downstream end of Lower Terrace Lake in the Bighorn Crags. Fire

managers will continue to monitor the fire which has remained at 134 acres for over a week.