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Forest to Begin Prescribed Burning on Salmon-Cobalt, and North Fork Districts

May 2, 2008– The Salmon – Challis National Forest North Zone Fire/Fuels Management Staffs will be conducting prescribed burning on the Moyer/Salt, Sivler Creek, Dutchler, Ransack, and Volter Creek project areas in the coming weeks. These projects lie within the North Fork Ranger District and Salmon/Cobalt Ranger District.

If conditions are favorable burning could begin as early as May 5th and continue until the projects are complete or conditions become unfavorable.

The objectives of these projects are to remove ladder fuels and down woody material by felling and burning treatments to reduce the fire hazard and improve Forest health. In Addition, the actions will reintroduce fire into the ecosystem and/or reduce the Fire Regime Condition Class.

The total area of all the projects are 4255 acres. The burning will be accomplished by personnel using drip troches and by helicopter. Each project is expected to take from 1-3 days to complete. Smoke maybe visable with in close proximity to the project areas for 7-10 days.

Every effort will be taken to minimize smoke impacts, but forest neighbors may expect some smoke in the valleys in the evening and morning hours as cool air pools in the drainage bottoms. No impact to forest travelers is expected in this phase of the projects, but travelers are urged to use caution when driving near these areas as there may be higher vehicle traffic than normal as the fire personnel work.

If you have any questions or concerns about these projects please contact either Tim Metzger, North Zone Fire Management Officer, 865-2713 or Ken Bell, North Zone Fuels Planner, 756-5214.

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