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Bernard Airstrip Temporarily Closed for Maintenance

April 7, 2009 – The Bernard Airstrip will be closed April 15 through 21 while the Salmon-Challis National Forest Trail Crew grades the airstrip. The backcountry airstrip is located in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River about 43 air miles southwest of Salmon, Idaho.

The trail crew will be using a mule team and a grader to perform the routine maintenance on the remote strip. The Forest Service is working with the Idaho Division of Aeronautics to alert pilots of the closure. The airstrip will be re-opened as soon as the maintenance is completed.

The Bernard Airstrip is one of three backcountry airstrips maintained by the Forest Service along the Middle Fork. Continued use of seven remote airstrips on Federal land was specified in the Central Idaho Wilderness Act of 1980, which created the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

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