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Incident: A lightning-caused wildland fire, which started near Shepp Ranch on 7/13/2007.
Location: Twenty-five miles south of Elk City, ID along the Salmon River.
Jurisdiction: Nez Perce National Forest
Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Office, Idaho County Disaster Coordinator and Dixie Vol. Fire Dept.
Incident Commander: Mark Grant, Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team (IMT). The Incident Command Post is located at the old Red River Ranger Station.

Current Size: 99,800 acres

Containment: 25%

Yesterday's Activity: Heavy smoke blanketed most of the fire area leading to minimal fire activity. Firefighters continue to monitor fire activity and continue rehabilitation.

Current Resources: The number of firefighters on the incident is **154**. Resources assigned include **one** crew, **one** helicopter, two available in Grangeville, **one** dozer, **seven** engines and **three** water tenders.

Today's Strategy: Expect less smoke today with increased wind speed in the late afternoon, coming out of the North. Higher humidities are anticipated today. Helicopter will be dropping water in the area of Rhett Creek depending on visibility. Seeding will continue in the Lemon Saddle.

Special Messages: Due to salvage logging operations occurring on the FS Road #1188, also known as Burpee Mountain, the road may be blocked one mile off the FS #222 Road to Dixie. The fire closure area restriction begins at the junction of FS Road #311 (near Nutt Hill) and FS Road #1188 (Burpee Mountain. FS Road #311 is closed from Orogrande to Dixie.

A map description of the current fire closure area is posted on the website listed below.

Mark Grant's Type II Northern Rockies Incident Management Team is in charge of the incident.

Stage I Fire Restrictions are in place on the Nez Perce Forest. Campfires are restricted to designated recreation sites. Smoking is restricted to vehicles, buildings and areas void of vegetation.

For further information, visit: www.inciweb.org; Select "Rattlesnake"

Rattlesnake Fire Related Information

Community Meetings: The next public meeting will to be held at the Dixie Community Center on Friday, September 14 at 3:15 p.m.

Rattlesnake Fire Area Closure: The Nez Perce National Forest has a Special Area Closure to encompass the Rattlesnake fire. The closure is described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Sheep Creek on the Salmon River (Sect 35, T 25 N, R 5E) proceeding northwest along the Red River/Salmon River District boundary to Johnson Saddle; then from Johnson Saddle north along FS Trail 91 (but not including Trail 91) to FS Trail 312, continuing north on FS Trail 312 (but not including Trail 312) to Plummer Point.

From Plummer Point along the Red River/Salmon River District boundary to FS Trail 313, then east on FS Trail 313 (and including Trail 313) to FS Trail 415, northeast on FS Trail 415 (and including Trail 415) to FS Trail 205. Southeast on FS Trail 205 (and including Trail 205) to FS Trail 800, northeast on FS Trail 800 (and including Trail 800) to FS Trail 801, Southeast on FS Trail 801 (and including Trail 801) to Old Orogrande, Southeast from Old Orogrande on Road 311 (and including road 311) to Road 221 near Dixie Guard Station, North on Road 222 (and including Road 222) to the town of Dixie.

From Dixie, east on FS Trail 210 (and including Trail 210) to Churchill Mountain. From Churchill Mountain drawing a straight line northeasterly to Big Mallard Creek Trailhead on Road 421. From Big Mallard Creek Trailhead southeasterly on FS Trail 585 (and including Trail 585) to FS Trail 503, south on FS Trail 503 (and including Trail 503) to the Salmon river at Richardson Bar, West along the Salmon River to the mouth of Sheep Creek and the Red River/Salmon River District boundary, the point of beginning.

Note: The Salmon River corridor is open to permitted uses, including camping on beaches. Lands above the beaches, including FS Trail 96 remain closed.

For further information or details of the area closure, contact the Red River Ranger District @ 208-842-2245.

Salmon River Corridor: The Main Salmon River corridor will be re-opened from Salmon Falls to Vinegar Creek for recreational boating. Launches from Corn Creek on the Mail Salmon River will be allowed starting at 8:00 a.m. for permitted outfitters and individual boaters with permits. Access to the Salmon River Road downriver from the Cove Creek Bridge is now open. For further information, contact Kent Fuellenbach @ 208-756-5145.

Restrictions: The Nez Perce National Forest remains under Stage I Fire Restrictions.