GRANITE FIRE COMPLEX

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

 **On July 29 two separate lightning-caused fires started on the Hells Canyon side of the Seven Devils. These two fires were managed as a Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fire.**

 **A WFU fire allows fire to play a more natural role in the ecosystem – improving vegetation conditions, removing un-natural levels of fuels, and creating a ‘patchwork’ landscape for wildlife habitat.**

 **On Aug 6, another lightning storm resulted in two additional fire starts and the Granite Complex complex was designated.**

 **The fire is being managed by a WFU team base in Riggins, Idaho and is approximately 14,000 acres as of August 16.**

 **As a WFU fire, a management perimeter is set and the fire is managed as a natural process within this perimeter. If the fire threatens to go outside of this perimeter, or threatens private lands or structures, then suppression actions are taken.**

SAFETY TIPS

* **PREPARE: Plan your trip with the most current fire information and use trails that avoid the fire.**
* **WATCH: As you travel look out for burned out trees and snags, unstable sections of the trail, rolling rocks and helicopter or airplane water and retardant drops.**
* **CAMP: Choose a safe place to camp- away from the fire, in open areas out of the timber, away from falling/rolling hazards below cliffs and slopes.**
* **RESTRICTIONS: For your safety some trail closures are in effect. Check out these closures at the trailhead information boards. Wilderness information personnel will be traveling throughout the Seven Devils with current fire information, please visit with them daily and inform them of you proposed routes, camp sites and exit day. Enjoy your trip and your time with our Fire Use experience. THANKS!**

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