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Hello. Attached is the latest on the Selway Complex Fires burning in the S-B Wilderness in Idaho along with photos of the Raven Creek Fire (most active) and wrapped Gardiner Peak Lookout.
Thanks!

	FACT SHEET
	Selway Complex Fires

September 22, 2014

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What: Wildland Fires
Detected: August 10 - Lightning caused
Location: Selway Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho – approx. 30 miles SW of Darby

Narrative: Fire crews have completed structure protection at numerous locations in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho where two lightning-caused fires have been burning for more than a month. Crews have wrapped the historic Gardiner Peak Lookout with fire resistant structure wrap along with protecting buildings at Shearer Guard Station and numerous remote wilderness campgrounds.

Over the weekend, crews successfully completed firing operations on the 3,319 acre Elevator Mountain Fire, to reinforce the handline on the north end. Active fire behavior was reported on the 1,468 acre Raven Creek Fire which continues to burn on the east side of the Selway River near Nick Wynn Mountain and Wynn Creek. Engines are continuing to patrol Paradise Road (which remains open) for rocks, snags, and spot fires.

All of the fires in the Selway Complex (six total) were lightning caused. These natural ignitions have been allowed to burn in order to restore the role of fire within the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. An IR flight was not done this weekend. One is scheduled later this week for updated acreage estimates.

Current Size (Complex): Estimated 4,817 acres **Containment:** 0%

Resources on Fire: Working on the fire today were 25 personnel including three engines, and one helicopter. All resources on the Elevator Mountain Fire will be released tonight due to completion of structure protection activities. The helicopter and one engine will remain on the fire tomorrow.

Terrain: Steep, remote, and rocky

Fire Activity: The fires are burning in timber, brush and grass

Closures: Due to fire activity, Beaver Point, Raven Creek, and Indian Creek campgrounds remain closed. The public is being asked to not park or camp along Paradise Road between Beaver Point and Indian Creek. Fire information signs and maps have been posted in the area.

Inciweb: For the latest fire information and photos visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4109/>

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