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# FACT SHEET

## Wildfire Update

**June 29, 2017**

**Contact:** Acting Public Affairs Officer – Joe Butsick  
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**What:** 2 fires  
**Discovered:** June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Bitterroot National Forest

**Summary:** Firefighters have been working on 2 fires caused by lightning storms that went through the Bitterroot Valley. Both fires were discovered by Sula Peak Lookout. The North Trapper fire was reported on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the Sula Creek fire on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Both fires have been kept small, and at this time there are no concerns.

The North Trapper fire was contained last night. Ten firefighters are still on the scene with a hose lay around the fire. They will continue mop-up into Friday.

The Sula Creek fire has been declared out.

**Fire Danger:** Fire Danger is currently “moderate” on the Bitterroot National Forest. Fires can start from most accidental causes, but with the exception of lightning fires in some areas, the number of starts is generally low. Fires in open-cured grassland will burn briskly and spread rapidly on windy days. Woods fires spread slowly to moderately fast. The average fire is of moderate intensity, although heavy concentrations of fuel, especially draped fuel, may burn hot. Short-distance spotting may occur, but is not persistent. Fires are not likely to become serious, and control is relatively easy.

**Fire Restrictions:** There are no fire restrictions at this time. To stay updated, visit: <http://firerestrictions.us/>.

**Special Concerns:** Due to hot temperatures and low relative humidity, fuels are starting to dry out. Fire season is here. Safety of firefighters and the public is always a primary concern. Hot and dry temperatures are predicted through the month and firefighters are

asking for the public's help in preventing human-caused wildfires. Never leave a campfire unattended and make sure your coals are cool to the touch before you leave.

**2017 Fire Season:** Firefighters have responded to 5 human caused fires and 4 lightning wildfires this summer on the Bitterroot National Forest.

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