

CCC Fight Fire On South Fork Salmon River

Ax, Shovel, Bucket Required Pass Thru Idaho Nat'l Forest

One fire of larger proportion broke out on the Idaho National forest last weekend on the South Fork of the Salmon river. The fire covered approximately six acres before it was controlled by a crew of 100 CCC men.

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The fire was in the most rugged country on the South Fork, with very few trails and being almost completely inaccessible. Cause of the fire was not determined though it was believed to have been started by lightning.

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The fire hazard of the forest is now in the fourth period, known as the emergency period. Everyone entering the forest must check in at stations and carry an ax, shovel, and a bucket.