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<p><b>What:</b> Reynolds Lake Fire update and two wilderness fires at Mt. George <b>Location:</b> West Fork Ranger District</p>
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**Reynolds Lake:** The lightning-caused Reynolds Lake Fire did not grow in size yesterday and remains at 1,068 acres. Containment has grown to 50%. There are currently 172 personnel assigned to the fire including seven crews, two helicopters and four engines. One 20-person Hotshot crew was released today. Additional resources will likely be released later this week as fire activity decreases and containment grows.

**Planned Actions:** Firefighters are working today to locate and contain any additional spot fires, secure all flanks, and continue mopping-up at least 50-feet inside the perimeter. Engines will patrol Forest Road #044 containing any spots, mopping up, and supporting hose lays. Aircraft will be utilized as needed to moderate fire behavior and spread.

**Air Statistics:** In the last week, helicopters working on the fire have dumped 558,946 gallons of water on the fire. Air tankers have also delivered 81,318 gallons of fire retardant helping to dramatically reduce the fire's growth and spread.

**Inciweb:** For the latest on the Reynolds Lake Fire visit Inciweb:  
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5954/>

**New Wilderness Fires:** Two new lightning-caused fires were discovered yesterday on the West Fork Ranger District in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Both are 1/10 acre and are located on Mt. George, six miles east of Paradise Campground and two miles NW of Cooper Flat. They were reported by a fire lookout in the area following several lightning strikes. A helicopter dropped buckets of water on the fires yesterday to try and suppress them. This morning, four smokejumpers were flown to the area and are currently on scene working to suppress one of the fires. The 2<sup>nd</sup> fire has not shown any activity following the bucket

drops. The fires are located in extremely steep, rugged and rocky terrain. There are no structures threatened or closures at this time. See photo attached.

**2018 Fire Season:** Firefighters have responded to 6 lightning wildfires and one human-caused fire this summer on the Bitterroot National Forest.

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