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Media Release

To: All Media Outlets
From: Det. Jennifer McFarland
Date: 15 September 2006
RE: Rock Creek Road Fire

15:39

The Latah County Sheriff's Office has received reports of a fire in the area of Rock Creek, East Rock Creek, and Fiedler Road. According to initial reports, the fire is crowning the hill and is in the tree line. Potlatch Fire and Ambulance as well as fire units from the Idaho Department of Lands are responding and are starting to establish fire lines. Two controlled burn permits had been issued for that area for today but it is unknown if either is the cause of this fire. It is unknown how many acres are threatened or if any structures are threatened at this time. Further updates will be sent as we gain more information. The original call came in at 15:05.

15:46

Fire units from Palouse Washington, Moscow, and Bennett Lumber Company have been requested to assist in the fire-fighting efforts. With high winds, deputies on-scene are concerned with the possibility of the fire spreading rapidly throughout the timbered and residential area.

15:56

Aerial units from Bennett Lumber are circling the area. Deary Fire is on stand-by to assist.

16:00

Deary Fire units are en route to the fire.

17:10

Sheriff's Department units have cleared the fire and fire crews are on mop-up.