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## Clearwater National Forest

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### **Increased Fire Activity Prompts Closure of a Segment of the Lolo Motorway**

*Kooskia, ID*—A five-mile section of the Lolo Motorway (Forest Road 500) has been closed from Deep Saddle to the road's junction with Road 530 due to increased fire activity in close proximity to the Motorway.

Road 530 remains open from its junction with the Motorway to Liz Butte Cabin.

According to Lochsa District Fire Management Officer Scott Schrenk, three lightning-sparked fires are burning north of the Motorway and one prescribed fire is south of the Motorway. Schrenk said that while cooler temperatures and higher humidities are tempering fire activity today, falling snags and rolling rocks still pose safety hazards to motorists.

The situation is being monitored and the road will be re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so, he added.

For additional information please contact the Lochsa Ranger District at (208)926-4274.

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