



Motorway Complex Update



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Motorway Complex (Slide & Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 18,450 acres

Containment: 15%

Personnel: 497

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Idaho County, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho State Police, Idaho Department Transportation, Idaho County Light & Power, Clearwater County and Rural Fire Departments

Jay Point Fire

Date Started: 8/17

Cause: lightning

Size: 3,753

Containment: 10%

Personnel: 87

Boulder Fire

Date Started: 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 4,279

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 20

There will no longer be an evening update unless fire activity increases.

Weather: Temperatures are anticipated to be warmer today due to the decrease in cloud cover. Fuels on the fires will dry with relative humidity decreasing and temperatures increasing. Fire activity will continue to increase and helicopters will be used on specific areas where hot spots are a concern. The wind will be mostly terrain driven and less than 5 miles per hour. A slight chance of showers and cooler weather is expected for Wednesday.

Woodrat Fire: The majority of the resources on the Woodrat Fire remain along the Highway 12 corridor. Firefighters are working to secure the perimeter of the fire around homes and are still in the process of constructing handline and burnout operations. Containment lines will be constructed in the Lowery Saddle area where there are still hot spots. Crews are also moving into sections of the fire that have not been previously staffed to begin extinguishing hot spots and constructing containment lines. Air support and heavy equipment will continue to be used to assist handcrews on the ground.

Slide Fire: Firefighters will continue to take advantage of the decreased fire activity due to the moisture, and continue to improve existing containment lines above the Fenn on Telephone Ridge. Handcrews and heavy equipment will continue to improve the fire lines along Johnson Ridge. Fencing will be constructed behind the Fenn Ranger Station and other residences to protect them from rolling debris. Fire pumps and sprinklers will be installed for the protection of the three bridges over O'Hara Creek.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Jay Point firefighters will complete dozer line from 362 road to the 5646 road. Crews will clean up containment lines extinguishing hot spots from the 362C road to the 5646 road. Other sections of the fire will be monitored from the air. Firefighters on the Boulder Fire constructed indirect fire line from Granite Pass southwest along the ridgeline toward Crooked Fork Creek. Precipitation received earlier in the week has helped keep the Boulder Fire activity low. A control plan is being developed for the eastern side of the fire including structure protection.

Smoke Concerns: Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on current air quality conditions, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <http://app.airsis.com/USFS/fleet.aspx>. For information about mitigating smoke related health hazards, visit <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/p/smoke-and-health.html>

Evacuations: The Syringa area (from Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12, to Syringa) remains at a Level II. The Selway River Road also remains Level II, but the road is closed to the public, local resident travel only. Evacuation Level I remains in place around Lolo Hot Springs and on the Fish Creek road to the Cache Creek Trail Road 17442.

Closures: There are significant closures of forest lands and roads within the areas of wildfire activity including the Selway River road. Closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>. Closures may change, so check back regularly.

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