



United States Department of Agriculture

Mad River Complex Update

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 8:00 am

Fire information: 707-574-6289, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

<http://www.inciweb.nwccg.gov>

Date Started: July 30, 2015, 6:03 PM

Containment: 38 percent

Estimated Cost to Date: \$11.8 million

Total Personnel: 1,138

Committed Resources: 15 crews, 98 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 21 water tenders

Size: 19,963 acres

Cause: lightning

Injuries: 2

Structures Destroyed: 2 residences, 2 outbuildings

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Mandatory evacuations of Forest Glen go into effect today, August 11 at 8:00 am.

Last night steady winds continued to keep fire behavior active. Firefighters took action on several spot fires outside containment lines. Success was achieved on firing operations in several locations throughout the complex. Strong winds over the next two days will test our control lines.

Lassic Fire (2,491 acres): The fire was very active during the night and is expected to cross Blanket Creek to the north. Firefighting efforts continue in the wilderness and dozer lines are being established in the surrounding area.

Gobbler Fire (8,243 acres): Fireline construction to the north side and burnouts on the West Side Road were successful yesterday. Crews will be in a patrol and holding status today.

Pickett Fire (9,229 acres): Containment lines along the western perimeter of the fire are holding. Structure protection is in place for the Forest Glen area. The fire spotted across the dozer line west of Hwy. 36 and Forest Glen yesterday. Crews are continuing to burn out off of the 1326 and 1S26 Roads today, structure protection engines and hoselays are in place.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A Red Flag Warning has been issued for today by the National Weather Service.

Strong winds and low humidity are expected today into the evening. Fire behavior is expected to be very active with the potential for long range spotting.

EVACUATIONS AND FIRE CLOSURES

Forest Glen: A mandatory evacuation order is in place for residents in the Forest Glen area, which is on Highway 36 west of Trinity Pines. A forest fire closure for the Forest Glen area begins at the intersection of Highway 36 and Rattlesnake Road (Forest Road 29N58) and continues west and south along Highway 36 to the intersection with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest boundary. **Swayback Ridge:** An evacuation advisory is in place for the Swayback Ridge area. **Ruth Lake:** Residents around Ruth Lake are under a mandatory evacuation. The evacuation includes the Lower Mad River Road (County Road 501) from Highway 36 to the Three Forks Road and the southwest side of the lake from Ruth/Zenia Road north to the Ruth Dam. **Van Duzen Road:** Residents along the Van Duzen Road from the dump south to the intersection of the Ruth/Zenia Road are under an advisory evacuation.

To remain informed on evacuation status of the area call the Trinity County Sheriff's Office at: (530) 623-2611.

ROAD CLOSURES

Highway 36 is under a hard closure (no one allowed to travel, including residents) from Lower Rattlesnake Road to the junction with Van Duzen Road (County Road 511). A soft closure (residents with IDs allowed to travel) is in effect on the Van Duzen Road (County Road 511) from the junction of Highway 36 to the Ruth/Zenia Road (County Road 502). A soft closure is also in effect on Lower Mad River Road (County Road 501) from the junction with Highway 36 to the Flying Double A Ranch.



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