



United States Department of Agriculture

Mad River Complex Update

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 8:00 pm

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

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

Date Started: July 30, 2015, 6:03 PM	Size: 19,963 acres
Containment: 40 percent	Cause: lightning
Estimated Cost to Date: \$13.6 million	Injuries: 2
Total Personnel: 1,165	Structures Destroyed: 2 residences, 2 outbuildings
Committed Resources: 16 crews, 99 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 21 water tenders	

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Gusty winds spread fire in many areas within the complex today. Progress was made in fireline production and burnout operations. Crews will work to hold established lines throughout the night.

Lassic Fire (2,491 acres): Crews were able to keep the fire from crossing Blanket Creek today and will focus on holding the fire west of the 01S07 this evening. Firefighting efforts continue in the wilderness. Dozer lines are being established outside the wilderness area. Structure protection engines are prepared to take action if needed.

Gobbler Fire (8,243 acres): Good progress was made in holding the fire within the established lines. Falling trees present challenges for fire fighters along the West Side Rd. Crews will continue to be in a patrol and holding status tonight.

Pickett Fire (9,229 acres): Containment lines along the western perimeter of the fire are holding. Structure protection engines and hoselays are in place for the Forest Glen area. Crews will continue to burn out off of the 1326 and 1S26 Roads tonight as conditions dictate. Efforts continue to strengthen existing firelines.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A Red Flag Warning was issued for today by the National Weather Service and will continue through this evening.

Strong winds and low humidity are expected to continue into the evening and through Thursday. Fire behavior will continue to be active with the potential for long range spotting.

Mandatory Evacuations:

A mandatory evacuation order is in place for residents in the Forest Glen area and Ruth Lake.

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.

Evacuation Advisory:

An evacuation advisory is in place for the Swayback Ridge area as well as the residents along the Van Duzen Road from the dump south to the intersection of the Ruth/Zenia Road.

National Forest Area Closures:

On August 8, 2015 the Shasta Trinity National Forest issued a Fire Closure of the Forest Glen area. This includes the area from the intersection of Hwy 36 and Rattlesnake Rd. (29N58) within the forest boundary, to provide for public safety. ORDER NO. 14-15-03

ROAD CLOSURES

Hard Closure (no one allowed to travel, including residents) Highway 36 from Lower Rattlesnake Road to the junction with Van Duzen Road (County Road 511).

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). As well as Lower Mad River Road (County Road 501) from the junction with Highway 36 to the Flying Double A Ranch.

For information or questions on evacuation and road closure status of the area call the Trinity County Sheriff's Office at: (530) 623-2611.



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