



United States Department of Agriculture

Mad River Complex Update

Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 8:00 am

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

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

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

Containment: 40 percent

Estimated Cost to Date: \$13.7 million

Total Personnel: 1,195

Committed Resources: 16 crews, 99 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 21 water tenders

Size: 20,525 acres

Cause: lightning

Injuries: 2

Structures Destroyed: 2 residences, 2 outbuildings

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Firefighters continue to make good progress in the overall containment efforts of the complex. Crews experienced minimal fire activity during the night. Primary fire spread will be topography driven with the predominant fire spread expected to be backing downhill with some torching possible during the afternoon.

Lassic Fire (2,860 acres): Crews were able to keep the fire from crossing Blanket Creek last night and will perform defensive firing as appropriate to contain the fire northwest of Forest Road 01S07. Firefighting efforts continue in the wilderness, and dozer lines are being established in the surrounding area. Structure protection engines are prepared to take action if needed.

Gobbler Fire (8,279 acres): Good progress was made in holding the fire within the established lines. Crews will patrol and mop up 100 feet where possible and begin to identify and eliminate hazard trees adjacent to structures.

Pickett Fire (9,368 acres): Crews will monitor and patrol along Highway 36 to limit fire spread potential north of Highway 36 and east of Rattlesnake Ridge. 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 are also preparing to burn out unburned fuel as needed and conditions allow.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

The Red Flag Warning has been cancelled; however, near critical fire weather conditions will persist with strong winds and low relative humidity. These conditions are expected to continue into the evening.

EVACUATIONS AND NATIONAL FOREST AREA CLOSURES

Mandatory:

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.

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.

A National Forest area 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.

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.



Forest Service

