



United States Department of Agriculture

Mad River Complex Update

Wednesday, August 12, 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: 20,525 acres
Containment: 45 percent	Cause: lightning
Estimated Cost to Date: \$14.8 million	Injuries: 3
Total Personnel: 1,204	Structures Destroyed: 2 residences, 2 outbuildings
Committed Resources: 20 crews, 106 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 14 water tenders	

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION Firefighters continued to make good progress in the overall containment efforts of the complex today. Active burning can be expected during the early portion tonight but will diminish as humidity rises. Fine fuels will stop carrying fire in lower elevations but will continue to burn all night on ridges.

Lassic Fire (2,860 acres): Crews made good progress today and were able to keep the fire from crossing Blanket Creek. Defensive firing will continue tonight as needed 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 in place and 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 and monitor unburned island adjacent to the fires edge and continue to identify and eliminate hazard trees adjacent to structures.

Pickett Fire (9,386 acres): Crews will monitor and patrol along Highway 36 to limit fire spread potential north of Highway 36 and east of the 1S26 Rd. 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

Gusty winds are expected this evening. These winds will continue to bring near critical fire weather conditions to the area through Thursday.

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.

On August 8, 2015 the Shasta-Trinity National Forest issued a Fire Closure for the Forest Glen area south of Highway 36 to the forest boundary to provide for public and firefighter safety. ORDER NO. 14-15-03

ROAD CLOSURES

Hard Closure (no one allowed to travel, including residents) Highway 36 from Forest Glen 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

