



# United States Department of Agriculture

## Mad River Complex Update

Thursday, August 13, 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:** 21,278 acres

**Containment:** 50 percent

**Cause:** lightning

**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$16.5 million

**Injuries:** 4

**Total Personnel:** 1,221

**Structures Destroyed:** 2 residences, 2 outbuildings

**Committed Resources:** 20 crews, 107 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 16 water tenders

**CURRENT FIRE SITUATION** Firefighters continued to make good progress in the overall containment efforts of the complex today. Active burning is expected during the early portion of the night and will diminish as humidity rises. Fire officials are evaluating the possibility of lifting some of the mandatory evacuation areas as containment increases on the complex.

**Pickett Fire** (9,666 acres): Crews had good success with their defensive firing operation on the east flank near Forest Glen and will continue to monitor and patrol along Highway 36 to limit fire spread potential north of Highway 36 and east of Rattlesnake Rd. Structure protection engines and hoselays are in place for the Forest Glen area.

**Lassic Fire** (3,325 acres): Crews are implementing defensive firing operations to limit the fire's spread to the east. Crews also performed a firing operation off the dozer line from the 1S07 Rd. towards the wilderness boundary to help secure the east flank. Helicopters are being utilized to help hold the containment lines.

**Gobbler Fire** (8,287 acres): Crews will continue to patrol and mop up to secure the perimeter along the Van Duzen Rd. the West Side Rd. and the Mad River Rd.

### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

The area will experience mostly clear conditions with an increase in relative humidity overnight with a wind shift expected for Friday.

### 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)**

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.



Forest Service

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

