



## United States Department of Agriculture

# Mad River Complex Update

Friday, August 14, 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

**Size:** 21,955 acres

**Containment:** 50 percent

**Cause:** lightning

**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$16.8 million

**Injuries:** 5

**Total Personnel:** 1,243

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

**Committed Resources:** 18 crews, 111 engines, 5 helicopters, 14 dozers, 17 water tenders

### CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

**Pickett Fire** (10,161 acres): Night crews held the fire line on the northeast side of the fire near Forest Glen where day crews had conducted defensive firing operations. The fire spotted across Highway 36 yesterday afternoon in a few areas, which the night crews successfully mopped up. Today crews will continue to monitor the fire as it slowly backs downslope toward Highway 36. Structure protection crews will remain in the Forest Glen area.

**Gobbler Fire** (8,287 acres): Last night crews patrolled the fire, which is largely contained and not active around its perimeter. Today crews will continue to mop up and begin suppression-rehabilitation work in preparation for road closures and evacuations being lifted in the near future. Fire weakened trees falling on roads continues to be a safety concern.

**Lassic Fire** (3,507 acres): Crews held the fire lines last night. Today crews will look for opportunities to build line adjacent to the fire's edge where the fire has crept over Blanket Creek. The goal is to limit fire growth toward the northwest and the populated Swayback Ridge area to the north. Firefighters are prepared to use defensive firing to limit the fire's spread to the east along Forest Road 01S07.

### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today's light winds will be shifting to the northwest. Gusts up to 15 mph will occur in areas that align with northwest drainages and river valleys. Expect temperatures in the 80s and relative humidity in the 20s.

### 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.

