



## United States Department of Agriculture

# Mad River Complex Update

Friday, August 14, 2015, 8:00 pm

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

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

<b>Date Started:</b> July 30, 2015, 6:03 PM	<b>Size:</b> 21,955 acres
<b>Containment:</b> 55 percent	<b>Cause:</b> lightning
<b>Estimated Cost to Date:</b> \$18.4 million	<b>Injuries:</b> 5
<b>Total Personnel:</b> 1,204	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 2 residences, 2 outbuildings
<b>Committed Resources:</b> 17 crews, 115 engines, 5 helicopters, 14 dozers, 19 water tenders	

### CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

**Pickett Fire** (10,161 acres): The fire was not very active today. Crews focused their firefighting efforts primarily on the northeast side near Forest Glen. They mopped up and secured the line from yesterday's defensive firing operation. The fire in that area is slowly backing from the ridgetops downslope toward Highway 36. The night crew successfully identified and contained spot fires north of Highway 36, and today's crews did not discover any new spot fires.

**Gobbler Fire** (8,287 acres): Firefighters continued to patrol, mop up, and secure the perimeter to ensure that embers from the fire's interior do not escape the containment line.

**Lassic Fire** (3,507 acres): Today, crews secured the direct fire line that they constructed yesterday on the northeast side of the fire. Firefighters continue to build line at the fire's edge north of Blanket Creek, working west toward the Van Duzen River. Other crews scouted for opportunities to construct line on the northwest corner so that they can work south, keeping the fire east of the Van Duzen River.

### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Relative humidity recovery will be high again tonight, and the temperature will be in the low 50s. Northeast winds will be light, up to 10 mph. Tonight is the beginning of a drying and warming trend that will last through the weekend. Smoke will settle in the river valleys overnight, and visibility may drop to zero at times. Fire activity will diminish tonight as the humidity increases.

### ROAD CLOSURES, EVACUATIONS, AND FOREST AREA CLOSURES

The Trinity County Sheriff's Office will be lifting road closures and evacuation orders in the Ruth Lake area tomorrow, August 15, at 8:00 a.m. The Van Duzen Road and Lower Mad River Road will reopen to all traffic and no evacuations will be in effect.

Due to continued fire activity in the Ruth Lake area, the Forest Glen area, and the Mt. Lassic Wilderness, many Forest Service roads and campgrounds remain closed (<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4436/26990/> for more information).

**Hard Closure (no one allowed to travel, including residents):** Highway 36 will remain closed from South Fork Mountain Summit (mile marker 9.29) east to Lower Rattlesnake Road (mile marker 22). Route 23 is closed from Highway 36 to Cedar Gap. Forest Road 2S02 is closed from Route 23 west to Forest Road 2S54.

**Mandatory Evacuation:** Residents in the Forest Glen area remain under a mandatory evacuation order.

**Advisory Evacuation:** Residents in the Swayback Ridge area remain under an evacuation advisory.

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.

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