



## United States Department of Agriculture

# Mad River Complex Update

Sunday, August 16, 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:** 22,807 acres

**Containment:** 60 percent

**Cause:** lightning

**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$20.2 million

**Injuries:** 5

**Total Personnel:** 1,353

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

**Committed Resources:** 14 crews, 146 engines, 4 helicopters, 14 dozers, 22 water tenders

### CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

**Pickett Fire** (10,552 acres, 50 percent contained):

Last night crews conducted defensive firing operations south of Highway 36 near Granite Canyon. The goal is to finish that operation today to prevent the fire from spreading to Highway 36. Many large rocks and trees are rolling onto Highway 36, posing a safety hazard, and Highway 36 remains closed to the public. Smoke is expected to linger over the fire area throughout the day and will likely prevent helicopters from supporting firefighters on the ground. On the southwest side of the fire, along Lower Mad River Road, firefighters will patrol the perimeter.

**Gobbler Fire** (8,287 acres, 100 percent contained):

Although residents may see smoke coming from the interior, the containment line is secure. Crews will continue to monitor and patrol the fire's perimeter to ensure that it remains secure. Crews will also be removing equipment, hose, and trash from the firelines. The suppression-rehabilitation process has begun, with a road grader improving roads south of the fire.

**Lassic Fire** (3,968 acres, 24 percent contained): Last night the fire not very active. The fire has not spread north out of the Blanket Creek drainage. Today crews will continue constructing fireline on the west side in the Little Van Duzen River drainage.

### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Today will be hot and dry with temperatures in the 90s, and the relative humidity could drop into the teens. These are the warmest and driest conditions in the area since the fire started, which could lead to increased fire activity. Fire behavior will be minimal in smoke-shaded areas.

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

The Van Duzen Road and Lower Mad River Road are now open to all traffic. Firefighters are still working along these roads, so please slow down when you are in the fire area.

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.



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**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.

