



United States Department of Agriculture

Mad River Complex Update

Monday, August 17, 2015, 8:00am

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

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

Date Started: July 30, 2015, 6:03 PM

Containment: 65 percent

Estimated Cost to Date: \$21.6 million

Total Personnel: 1,170

Committed Resources: 12 crews, 111 engines, 4 helicopters, 11 dozers, 26 water tenders

Size: 23,628 acres

Cause: lightning

Injuries: 5

Structures Destroyed: 2 residences, 2 outbuildings

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Firefighters continue to make good progress on the overall containment of the fire complex; however, the increased temperature today with low relative humidity will create a challenge to firefighting activities. The California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, under the command of Mike Minton, would like to thank cooperators and community members for their support throughout the suppression efforts. Tomorrow morning, the team will transfer command of the Mad River Complex to the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team at 6:00 am.

Pickett Fire (10,841 acres, 68 percent contained):

The fire is expected to continue to back down to Highway 36 and crews will be conducting firing operations to help bring the fire down to the highway if conditions are favorable. Trees and rocks are falling onto the highway, and crews will remove them as long as it is safe to do so. Structure protection crews remain in the Forest Glen area.

Lassic Fire (4,500 acres, 24 percent contained):

The fire area saw the relative humidity drop into the single digits last night as the fire continued to spread to the west and south. Crews concentrated their efforts on holding those flanks throughout the night as well as constructing direct hand line in Blanket Creek to hold the fire on the north.

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

Although residents may see smoke coming from the interior, the containment line is secure and crews will remain in the area performing mop up.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot and dry conditions will continue today with the temperatures in the 90s. The relative humidity in some areas is expected to be in the single digits, with a heavy inversion lasting throughout the day. This will result in very smoky conditions over the fire area, which will prevent support from air operations. Expect similar conditions through Tuesday. Winds will remain light, resulting in heavy smoke lingering in the area.

ROAD CLOSURES, EVACUATIONS, AND FOREST AREA CLOSURES

Hard Closure (no one allowed to travel, including residents): Highway 36 is closed from South Fork Mountain Summit (mile marker 9.29) east to Lower Rattlesnake Road (mile marker 22).

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.



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For information on Forest Service road and campground closures, go to
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4436/26990/>.

