



Motorway Complex and Jay Point-Boulder Update



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Saturday, August 29, 2015 - 9:00 pm

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 17,154 acres

Containment: 10%

Personnel: 540

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Idaho County, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho State Police, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho County Light & Power, and Rural Fire Departments

Jay Point Fire

Date Started: 8/17

Cause: lightning

Size: 3,753

Containment: 10%

Personnel: 106

Boulder Fire

Date Started: 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 4,279

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 30

A Public Meeting will be held Sunday, August 30 at 5 p.m. at the Three Rivers Resort and Motel.

Weather: Scattered thunderstorms this afternoon brought light rain to some locations as well as some erratic, gusty winds. Throughout the fire area, winds were not as high as forecast today. Lows tonight will be 47 to 57, relative humidity will recover to 75 to 95%, and winds will be downslope/down valley 2 to 5 miles per hour with westerly winds at 5 to 15 miles per hour. There is a slight chance of showers tonight and a good chance of showers on Sunday.

Wood Rat: Crews worked to secure firelines near residences north of Highway 12 near Mile Marker 85 and Reflection Inn as the fire backed down the hill. The fire held its position on the northwest side. Firefighters worked to connect a fireline from the Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12. On the east side, the 101 Road held today and crews continued to work to improve line in the Smith Creek area. Tonight, structure protection crews will patrol along Highway 12.

Slide Fire: The hand line on Telephone Ridge held today. Fire managers moved in heavy equipment for a possible contingency line closer to Lowell. This will be a "shaded fuelbreak" which involves removing trees and brush from a corridor in which a conventional firebreak could be installed later if needed. Engine crews and other personnel protected the Fenn Ranger Station and other stations as fire backed down Fenn Face. A night shift crew will patrol the parts of the fire that are near structures.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Crews worked today on the Jay Point Fire to hold a fire line from Social Corner to the east along the Tom Buell Road and developed contingency plans to ensure that the fire is held away from Powell. They continued to improve structure protection measures near the Powell Ranger Station and the Lochsa Lodge. These areas will be patrolled tonight. The Boulder Fire did not increase in size significantly today, but a few spot fires developed near the Montana border.

Smoke Concerns: Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on current air quality conditions, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <http://app.airsis.com/USFS/fleet.aspx>. For information about mitigating smoke related health hazards, visit <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/p/smoke-and-health.html>

Closures: The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have issued an area closure prohibiting "human entry" into lands managed by the forests, with the exception of the Palouse Ranger District. Closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

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