



Motorway Complex and Jay Point-Boulder Update



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Sunday, August 30, 2015 - 9:00 am

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 17,154 acres

Containment: 40%

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, Clearwater County, 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 Today, August 30 at 5 p.m. at the Three Rivers Resort and Motel at Lowell, Idaho.

Weather: Moisture yesterday reduced fire behavior. The western area of the complex received a tenth of an inch of rain, and Jay Point and Boulder areas received hundredth of an inch of rain. Cooler air is expected to move into the area, today bringing a renewed chance of rain. Relative humidity will remain higher, ranging from 40 to 60 percent.

Wood Rat: Firefighters will take advantage of the change in weather and begin constructing direct hand line in areas where possible. The main focus of today's operations will be on securing residences north of Highway 12 near Mile Marker 85 and Reflection Inn where the fire backed down the hill. Firefighters will continue to work on connecting a fireline from the Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12. Resources will shift today to the southern areas of the fire where most private residences are located.

Slide Fire: A heavy equipment task force will begin to construct indirect contingency line should the fire continue to move toward Lowell. Due to successful firing operations Friday, firefighters will be able to construct direct fire line in the northwest area of the fire. Helicopters will continue to support ground resources in this effort. Structure protection will remain in place around the Fenn Ranger Station. Rolling debris and snags remain a concern for protecting structures. Thirty-two plastic culverts along the Selway road were damaged due to the fire activity. The National Forest will begin replacement of these culverts today.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Feller Bunchers and other heavy equipment are being used to open up the 5646 Road above Powell as a way to access the fire. A short video of how a feller buncher assists in fire operations can be seen at this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0IzqRBI8PM>. Today's operations will focus on constructing fireline from Social Corner to the east along the Tom Buell Road to stop the fire's movement toward Powell and Western Pacific timber lands. Firefighters will continue to work on the Boulder fire. Crews are doing prep work which entails thinning, trimming and debris removal, around Lolo Hot Springs should the fire burn into Montana.

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-notices>

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