



Motorway Complex- Jay Point-Boulder Update



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Sunday, August 30, 2015 - 9:00 pm

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 18,157 acres

Containment: 10%

Personnel: 573

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: 90

Boulder Fire

Date Started: 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 4,279

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 39

Weather: Scattered thunderstorms today brought substantial rain to most locations with an average of 1/3 of an inch across all fires. Lightening was also present in some areas. Lows tonight will be 40 to 50 degrees, relative humidity will be 85 to 95%, winds will be downslope/down valley 2 to 5 mph with southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph on ridges. Chance of showers will be diminishing tonight and Monday will be mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers.

Wood Rat: Crews worked to build contingency lines from above Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12. The fire activity was visibly diminished by today's rain and no firing operations were possible. In the northwest section of the fire, crews continued work on removing hazardous trees to allow safer firefighter access. On the east side, fire fighters were able to conduct mop-up operations along the fire's edge. Tonight, structure protection crews will patrol along Highway 12 from Reflection Inn to Syringa.

Slide Fire: Crews worked to contain a six acre spot fire near Telephone ridge but were hampered by hazardous trees in the area. Heavy equipment worked in constructing contingency line in the Johnson Ridge area and another contingency line closer to Lowell. Sprinklers were placed around the three wooden bridges in the Ohara Campground area. A night shift crew will patrol the parts of the fire that are near structures.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Today crews worked on the Jay Point Fire to help clear roads of snags and hazardous trees. Work was started to improve the road (111A) going into the former burn area of the Walton Fire of 2002. The Boulder Fire received good precipitation and personnel scouted areas for future line construction. A Spike Camp, which is a small camp close to the fire where fire fighters will eat and sleep, was set up in the Lolo Hot Springs.

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>

Evacuations: The Level III evacuation for the Syringa area (from Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12, to Syringa) has been changed to Level II. The Selway River Road is now Level II, but the road is still closed to the public, local resident travel only.

Closures: There are significant closures of forest lands and roads within the areas of wildfire activity including the Selway River road. Closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>. Closures may change, so check back regularly.

