



# Motorway Complex Update

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## Motorway Complex (Slide + Woodrat)

**Date Started:** 8/14

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 27,150 acres\* (Slide 10,296/Woodrat 6,459)

**Containment:** 30 %

**Personnel:** 717

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

\*Motorway Complex acres now includes the Snowy Summit, Musselshell Creek fires, and additional fires to the north.

## Jay Point Fire

**Date Started:** 8/17

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 4,733

**Jay Point/Boulder Combined Containment:** 25%

**Jay Point/ Boulder Combined Personnel:** 95

## Boulder Fire

**Date Started:** 8/11

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 5,011

**Weather:** Higher elevations received snow over the weekend providing much needed moisture to those areas. Afternoon showers moved into the fire area late yesterday afternoon, bringing a half inch to seven tenths of rain over parts of the fire area. Waves of moisture will continue to move through the area today. Winds will be from the west at 10 miles per hour. Relative humidity will gradually decrease throughout the week as temperatures slowly rise creating the potential for fires to become more active toward the end of the week.

**Woodrat Fire:** Warmer temperatures on Sunday provided some drying of fuels and smoke was visible within the fire area. Crews are now starting to look at rehabilitation along the west side of the fire.

**Slide Fire:** Firefighters finished constructing handline above Fenn Ranger Station on Telephone Ridge. Hand crews and heavy equipment will continue to improve fire lines along Johnson Ridge.

**Jay Point/ Boulder Fires:** Crews will continue to manage the fire, using existing roads, burnout operations, and heavy equipment to hold and improve line working to steer fire into the wilderness. The Boulder Fire is in monitor status, with work still continuing on a contingency line along Forest Road 595. Additional control line locations are being investigated.

**Evacuations:** Level 1 evacuations remain in place in the Powell, Lowell Syringa, and the Lolo Hot Springs areas, which means residents should be prepared for possible evacuation. The Selway Road is open to residents only. For evacuation information, please go to the Idaho County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Idaho-County-Sheriffs-Office/178393728844032>

**Closures:** Large area closures are in place in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests to ensure public safety relating to fire activity. These closures will affect portions of hunting units 10, 10A, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, and 20, for more information regarding unit closures please visit: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov> . Localized closures will continue to change, updates can be found by visiting: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

**Safety:** Labor Day travelers should be aware of the continued presence of firefighting vehicles on highways and Forest Service roads. Practice safe, defensive driving and be alert to the potential danger of rocks/debris in the roadway.