



## Motorway Complex Update

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Thursday, September 10, 2015 - 9 a.m.

### Motorway Complex (Includes Slide and Woodrat)

**Date Started:** 8/14

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 33,705 acres\* (Slide 10,296, Woodrat 6,459)

**Containment:** 30 %

**Personnel:** 689

**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.

\*The Motorway Complex acreage includes Slide Fire acreage not included for several days.

*The fires previously called the Motorway North Complex -- Yoosa, Musselshell Creek, Lost Hat and Snowy Summit -- are now part of the Motorway Complex.*

### Jay Point Fire

**Date Started:** 8/17

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 4,733

**Jay Point/Boulder Combined Containment:** 35%

**Jay Point/ Boulder Combined Personnel:** 12

### Boulder Fire

**Date Started:** 8/11

**Cause:** lightning

**Size:** 5,011

**Weather:** A warming and drying trend will continue, with peak temperatures expected on Saturday, creating the potential for the fires to become more active. Today temperatures will reach the low 80s in the valleys and the mid 80s in a dry thermal belt between 2,500 and 4,000 feet, the elevation where most Motorway Complex fires are burning. Cooler, wet weather is expected to move into the area early next week.

**Woodrat Fire:** Firefighters will patrol the fire and continue to rehabilitate burned areas to prevent soil erosion.

**Slide Fire:** With line construction completed, crews began chipping small trees, bushes and branches along Selway Road. Today they will start removing logs and continue chipping. Water bars are being installed to prevent soil erosion.

**Jay Point/ Boulder Fires:** Crews will monitor the fires and check on heat detected yesterday north of both fires.

**Motorway North Group:** Firefighters will continue to patrol the fires and improve contingency lines to provide protection for Pierce.

**Walde East and Walde West Groups:** Crews will patrol the Higgins Hump and Jungle Fires and be ready to take action if they should become active. Line construction continues on the Walde East and Walde West Fires to tie together road systems and geographical features to ring the fire perimeters. Interior smoke was visible yesterday on the Eldorado 2, Dollar, Fourbit, and Mystery Fires. Today crews will scout Forbit and Dollar, which have grown together, identifying contingency lines and building direct line where possible.

**Evacuations:** Level 1 evacuations remain in place in the Powell, Lowell, Syringa, and Lolo Hot Springs areas. The Selway Road is open to the O'Hara Creek Bridge. For more information, please visit the Idaho County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Idaho-County-Sheriffs-Office/178393728844032>

**Closures:** To keep visitors safe, area closures are in place within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests around many active fires. Closures are enforced with road blocks. For updates on closures, which will continue to change, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

**Fire Restrictions:** All fire restrictions within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have been lifted.

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