



Motorway Complex Update

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Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 34,166 acres (Slide 10,296, Woodrat 6,459)

Containment: 45 %

Personnel: 468

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.

Weather: Cold wet weather is expected for the next 72 hours. The rain will let up this afternoon, followed by partially clear skies and warmer weather but that will be short lived with rain returning tonight into Wednesday morning. The coldest and wettest weather will hit late Wednesday and remain through Thursday afternoon. Temperatures will reach the mid-60s at the lower elevations and not climb out of the 50s at the higher elevations. Low temperatures between 32-45 degrees are expected, depending on elevation.

All Fires: In general, fire crews are focused on patrolling containment lines, mop up and burned area repair. The wet weather over the next few days may hamper firefighter efforts to utilize heavy equipment for removing hazard trees near roads and trails and for rehabbing burned areas. The public is urged to use extreme caution when travelling in or through areas affected by wildfire.

Woodrat and Slide Fires: Firefighters are working on rehabbing fire lines using heavy equipment.

Jay Point/ Boulder Fires: Crews will continue to monitor the fires. Mop up and burned area repair efforts are active on the Boulder Fire. Heavy equipment will be moved out of the area due to the incoming precipitation.

Motorway North Group: Firefighters continue mop up operations on fire contingency lines and will patrol the area to ensure no fire escapes current control lines.

Walde East and Walde West Groups: Crews will continue to patrol, secure and mop up all lines to prevent fire from escaping current control lines and features.

Fourbit/Dollar Fires: Suppression actions are focused on ensuring the main fire stays east and south of the 500 road, north of the Trout Creek drainage and west of the 101 road.

Mop Up & Burned Area Repair: Mop Up & Burned Area Repair are the initial stages of returning the forest to its natural pre-fire state and an attempt to remove signs of human activity that occur during fire suppression activities. This helps curb erosion and promotes the regeneration of native vegetation. Lines created by fire fighters and heavy equipment to suppress fire activity are returned to their natural state. This is limited to burned over fire lines inside the fire perimeter. Exterior fire control lines will be maintained to ensure active fires remain in the containment zone. The forest will determine the appropriate time to rehabilitate these control lines. Hazard trees along roadways that could fall due to their weakened state from fire are felled to help make the area safer for the public.

Closures: All area closures on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have been lifted, but road and trail closures remain in place to keep visitors safe. Closures are changing daily as crews continue to make progress. For updates on forest road and trail closures, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

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