



Motorway Complex Update

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Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - 9 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Inc. Slide and Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

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

Containment: 30 %

Personnel: 726

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 are expected to increase tomorrow due to the transfer of the Motorway North complex (Yoosa, Musselshell, Lost Hat, Snowy Summit fires) from the Clearwater-Municipal Complex to the Motorway Complex.

Weather: Temperatures reached the mid-60s at the higher elevations and into the 70s at the lower elevations yesterday, while dropping into the low 40s overnight. Relative humidity will decrease throughout the week as temperatures rise, potentially reaching 90 degrees by Friday, creating the potential for fires to become more active toward the end of the week.

Woodrat Fire: Crews are starting to rehabilitate burned areas along the west side of the fire.

Slide Fire: Firefighters finished constructing fireline to Coolwater Road on Johnson Bar Ridge. Crews will focus on patrolling the fire and begin rehab work along Selway Road.

Jay Point/ Boulder Fires: Crews on both fires will patrol containment lines and begin rehabbing burned areas.

Motorway North: Crews are constructing contingency line on the Northwest side of the Yoosa fire. The Musselshell, Lost Hat and Snowy Summit fires will continue to be monitored for signs of fire activity.

Walde East and Walde West Groups: Crews continue to construct direct line around the Higgins Hump fire. With the Big Hill and Jungle fires boxed in, personnel will monitor the fires for any activity. Firefighters are assessing the Walde 1, 2 and 3 fires to determine the appropriate suppression actions.

Evacuations: Level 1 evacuations remain in place in the Powell, Lowell, Syringa, and the Lolo Hot Springs areas. The Selway Road is open to the O'Hara bridge. For more 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-notices>

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect for the majority of the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests. Campfires and stoves are restricted to designated recreation sites and smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles. All combustion engines used on national forest lands require spark arrestors.

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