



Motorway Complex Update

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Sunday, September 6, 2015 - 8 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Slide and Woodrat Fires)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 16,854 acres

Containment: 30 %

Personnel: 627

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.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires

Date Started: 8/17 and 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 8,016 acres

Containment: 25%

Personnel: 95

A community meeting will be held tonight at 5 p.m. at Three Rivers Resort, 115 Selway Road.

Weather: Rain fell across the Motorway Complex yesterday. The fire area has received an inch of rain over the past week. Today showers will persist through mid-morning, then start to taper from west to east across the complex. Cooler temperatures and some clearing will follow later in the day. Westerly ridgetop winds of 12 to 15 mph, with gusts to 25 mph are predicted. Warmer, dryer weather is forecast for Monday and Tuesday, with temperatures reaching the mid-80s by the end of the week.

Woodrat Fire: On a quiet, wet fire day, firefighters mopped up along Highway 12, while others were able to work on improving control lines in the Wilson Creek area. Crews also scouted Big Hill, Higgins Hump and Jungle, smaller backcountry fires in the complex. Tomorrow firefighters will start work on Big Hill and Higgins Hump, building direct line where possible. The Jungle Fire will be patrolled. Scouts found it had been mostly suppressed by initial attack crews.

Slide Fire: The fire remained subdued by the wet weather, but firefighters continued building direct line along Telephone Ridge, and a contingency line along Johnson Ridge, toward Coolwater Road.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Yesterday firefighters started rehabilitation of containment lines on the Jay Point Fire, and could begin pulling pumps and hoses today. An excavator will be moved from the Boulder Fire to the Jay Point Fire to help with rehabilitation efforts. The Boulder Fire is in monitor status, with work still continuing on a contingency line along Forest Road 595.

Evacuations: All evacuation orders for the Motorway Complex have been reduced to Level 1, which means residents should be prepared for possible evacuation. Powell, Lolo Hot Springs, and Fish Creek Road to its junction with Cache Creek Trail Road, are also at Level 1. 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 for the Slide and Wash Fires and for the Woodrat and many backcountry fires to the north. Closures are listed at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

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