



## Motorway Complex Pierce Update 15

Motorway North Group  
September 13, 2015

- **The Southwest Incident Management Team assumed command of the Motorway North Group at 7:00 a.m. on September 8.**
- The ten fires within the Motorway North Group being managed by the Southwest Incident Management Team are:
  - Lost Hat Fire
  - Musselshell Fire
  - 535 Fire
  - Hemlock Creek Fire
  - Rocky Fire
  - Austin Fire
  - Pete Forks Fire
  - Yoosa Fire
  - Snowy Summit Fire
  - Green Fire
- All of the above fires have shown no growth for several days and are not expected to grow in size. Monitoring will continue today. Lost Hat, the closest fire to Pierce remains about five miles east of town.
- The management objectives for these fires are:
  - Prevent the spread of the fires to the west toward Pierce
  - Ensure that the fires remain within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
  - Protect historic structures and cultural resources within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
- The Musselshell and 535 Fires have burned together. Control lines surround approximately 90% of the perimeter of these two fires. The lines are designed to limit their westward spread into the community of Pierce.
- Fire crews will continue to improve fire lines in the Lost Hat, Yoosa, and Musselshell fire areas. Heavy equipment has been brought in to clear brush and hazard trees along roadways to help reopen these areas and provide protection to the crews working and the nearby communities of Pierce and Weippe.
- By the end of the weekend a Pacific trough will push a cold front through the area bringing with it moisture and cooler temperatures. Rain is possible by Monday evening with damp and cool days to follow.
- **Evacuations:** All Level 1 evacuations have been lifted for 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:** All area closures on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have been lifted, but the road closures remain in place to keep visitors safe. 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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