



Motorway Complex- Jay Point Update



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Saturday, August 29, 2015 – 8 a.m.

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 17,971 acres

Containment: 2 percent

Personnel: 429

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Idaho County, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho State Police
Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho County Light & Power

Jay Point Fire

Date Started: 8/17

Cause: lightning

Size: 3,753

Containment: 0 percent

Personnel: 122

Weather: All fires in the area will fall under a Red Flag Warning today. Gusty ridge-top winds are predicted to approach 30 mph, mainly from the west, ahead of a cold front moving into the area in the late afternoon. Erratic and gusty valley winds are expected to be 15mph. Dry thunderstorms are possible. Winds will increase fire activity and fire spotting potential.

Wood Rat Fire: Last night, the fire grew significantly on the southwest side. Strong down-canyon winds pushed the fire down to the river, near mile-post markers 85 and 86 on Highway 12. Night-shift crews and engines coordinated with local fire resources to provide structure protection. No structures were damaged. Today crews and overhead will develop a plan for containing last night's fire growth. Pumps and hoses, structure protection and hazard-tree modules are assigned to Syringa. Line construction will continue on the fire's eastern edge along Smith Creek Road and the 5504 road.

Slide Fire: The fire continues to grow to the north and west. Today a structure protection division will work along the Selway River corridor and in the Fenn Ranger Station area. Rolling debris from the fire is causing problems for structure protection crews. Contingency lines will be strengthened along Telephone Ridge on the fire's western edge.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: The Jay Point fire reached the Lochsa River near the Powell campground yesterday. Structure protection modules will work in the Powell Ranger Station area today. Heavy equipment task force crews will work on existing roads along the fire's eastern perimeter to remove fuels and reduce potential for fire spread. Firefighters will scout the Boulder fire and develop a plan of action. With the existing fuel, topography and weather conditions, the fire is expected to grow across the state line into Montana today.

Smoke Concerns: Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on air quality conditions, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/> and <http://app.airsis.com/USFS/fleet.aspx>. For information about mitigating smoke-related health hazards, visit <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/p/smoke-and-health.html>

Closures: There are significant closures of forest lands and roads because of wildfire activity, including the Selway River Road. Closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notices>. They may change, so check back regularly.