



Motorway Complex Update



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Wednesday, September 2, 2015 - 9 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Slide & Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 18,527 acres

Containment: 20%

Personnel: 460

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Idaho County, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho State Police, Idaho Department Transportation, Idaho County Light & Power, Clearwater County and Rural Fire Departments

Jay Point Fire

Date Started: 8/17

Cause: lightning

Size: 3,753

Containment: 15%

Personnel: 86

Boulder Fire

Date Started: 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 4,279

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 22

Weather: Warmer temperatures yesterday dried fuels and increased fire activity. Today the weather will change, with showers possible in the late afternoon and rain overnight. Winds will remain light from the west, with ridgetop gusts to 6 to 12 mph. High temperatures will reach the 70s, with increasing clouds through the afternoon.

Woodrat Fire: Crews on the Woodrat Fire continued patrolling yesterday for rolling debris and mopping up along Highway 12. They also contained small uphill runs and a small spotfire over the southwest perimeter. Helicopters dropped water on hot spots and will be available again today. Crews will continue to build and strengthen direct handline to further secure the fire within control lines. They will also clear snags to open access along Swan Creek Road. With rolling debris continuing to come down in the Syringa area, patrols will again pick up spots and embers.

Slide Fire: The fire remained active near Johnson Creek. Crews hiked into the area to continue felling and a helicopter was used to control hot spots on the western side. Higher moisture in the Johnson Creek area continues to slow the fire's growth downriver. Today crews will continue to protect three bridges over O'Hara Creek with sprinklers and pumps and build more indirect line to stop fire movement.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: Both fires experienced moderate fire behavior with a few uphill runs. Point protection assessment continues on the Jay Point Fire. Crews will continue to improve direct lines and make improvements in Walton Creek. On the Boulder Fire, firefighters will build additional direct handline on the northeast perimeter, continue monitoring Highway 12 for spot fires and assess the need for structure protection.

Evacuations: The Syringa area (from Suttler Creek Road down to Highway 12 and along the highway to Syringa) remains at Level II. The Selway River Road also remains at Level II, but the road is closed to the public, with access for local residents only. A Level I evacuation remains in place around Lolo Hot Springs and on Fish Creek Road to the Cache Creek Trail Road 17442.

Closures: As a precautionary measure during extensive and severe fire activity, the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have issued a forest-wide closure, with the exception of the Palouse Ranger District. Closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>.

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