



Motorway Complex Update

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Friday, September 4, 2015 – 8 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Slide + Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 18,527 acres

Containment: 25 %

Personnel: 493

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 Fire

Date Started: 8/17

Cause: lightning

Size: 3,742

Containment: 15%

Personnel: 82

Boulder Fire

Date Started: 8/11

Cause: lightning

Size: 4,274

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 38

Weather: Approximately .25 inches of rain accumulated between Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon. The rain and cooler temperatures helped slow fire activity. On Friday, firefighters expect to see slightly increased fire behavior due to a rise in temperatures and lower humidity. Rain is expected to return on Saturday and continue into the morning hours on Sunday.

Woodrat Fire: Teams are continuing to monitor containment lines to prevent damage to structures in the area. Efforts will be directed at constructing hand lines along the fire's edge from just above Highway 12 into south Wilson Creek. Work continues on creation of fire lines above the Wilson Creek subdivision. Hand crews and heavy equipment are working to improve control lines from the 455 Road to Woodrat Mountain. Crews will be scouting the northern areas of the fire and seeking opportunities for additional containment lines.

Slide Fire: Efforts are focused on control lines around the north and west sections of the fire. Construction continues on a direct line from the area above Fenn on Telephone Ridge to prevent fire growth west of Telephone Ridge. Hand crews and heavy equipment will continue to improve control lines and create contingency lines throughout the area. Structure protection remains a priority along the Selway River corridor from the Fenn Ranger Station to Lowell.

Jay Point and Boulder Fires: In the Boulder Fire area, fire managers are focusing on protecting structures, including those in Fish Creek and Lolo Hot Springs, and are establishing contingency lines. Jay Point firefighters continue to complete hand lines, strengthening containment lines, and extinguish hot spots around those lines.

Evacuations: In the Woodrat and Slide fire areas, the evacuation order has been reduced to Level I. The Selway River Road is also at Level I. The road is open to residents only at this time. Lolo Hot Springs, and Fish Creek Road to its junction with Cache Creek Trail Road, remain at Level I. A Level I evacuation is in affect for the greater Powell area. For additional 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: The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest has reduced area closures. Details can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>. Although the closures have been reduced, the public is reminded to use caution while visiting the area, because there is still fire activity as well as other hazards.