



Motorway Complex Update

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Fire Information: (208) 507-2643 or (208) 926-4170

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Saturday, September 12, 2015 - 9 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Includes Slide and Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 34,166 acres (Slide 10,296, Woodrat 6,459)

Containment: 45 %

Personnel: 589

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.

The fires previously called the Motorway North Complex -- Yoosa, Musselshell Creek, Lost Hat and Snowy Summit are now part of the Motorway Complex.

Weather: A warming and drying trend will continue through Sunday, creating the potential for the fires to become more active. Unlike Thursday and Friday, Saturday and Sunday have the potential for wind gusts up to 15 miles per hour. Temperatures will reach the low 90s in the valleys and the mid 80s on the Motorway Complex fires. Cooler, wetter weather is expected to move into the area early next week.

Woodrat Fire: Firefighters will patrol the fire and continue to rehabilitate burned areas utilizing heavy equipment, where appropriate, to prevent soil erosion.

Slide Fire: Suppression rehabilitation efforts continue. Crews are utilizing heavy equipment to complete brush work along roads and are installing water bars as a means to aid in soil loss prevention.

Jay Point/ Boulder Fires: Crews will continue to monitor the fires.

Motorway North Group: Firefighters will continue to patrol the fires and improve contingency lines to provide protection for Pierce.

Walde East and Walde West Groups: Crews will continue to patrol and improve fire lines, where needed, in the Higgins Hump, Big Hill, and Jungle fires areas. Crews are improving fire lines in the Walde East and Walde West areas. A few isolated smokes were visible yesterday in the Walde East and West areas, the Fourbit, and the Dollar fires. Crews have begun mop-up operations on these areas to remove any remaining heat.

Fire Restrictions: All fire restrictions within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have been lifted.

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 road and trail closures remain in place to keep visitors safe. Closures are enforced with road blocks. Closures are changing daily as crews continue to make progress. For updates on closures, including trail closures, please visit:

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

Road Closures: Selway Road 223 remains closed from O'Hara Bridge to the junction with Falls Point Road 443.

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