



Motorway Complex Update

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Monday, September 14, 2015

Motorway Complex

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

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

Containment: 45 %

Personnel: 555

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.

Weather: A cold front worked its way into the area Sunday evening. This will lead to lower temperatures followed by rain this evening with a possible thunderstorm. Rain continues tonight and remains a strong possibility through Thursday. Temperatures will reach the mid-70s at the lower elevations and not climb out of the 60s at the higher elevations. Tuesday through Thursday, temperatures between 40 to 65 degrees are expected, depending on elevation.

Woodrat Fire: Firefighters are working on rehabbing fire lines using heavy equipment.

Slide Fire: There was some fire activity in the area of Telephone Ridge yesterday. The possibility of fire activity exists today, but it is expected to be slowed by the coming weather system.

Jay Point/ Boulder Fires: Crews will continue to monitor the fires. Mop up and burned area repair efforts are active on the Boulder Fire. Heavy equipment will be moved out of the area due to the incoming precipitation.

Motorway North Group: Firefighters continue mop up operations on fire contingency lines and will patrol the area to ensure no fire escapes current control lines.

Walde East and Walde West Groups: Crews will continue to patrol, secure and mop up all lines to prevent fire from escaping current control lines and features.

Fourbit/Dollar Fires: Suppression actions are focused on ensuring the main fire stays east and south of the 500 road, north of the Trout Creek drainage and west of the 101 road.

Mop Up & Burned Area Repair: Mop Up & Burned Area Repair are the initial stages of returning the forest to its natural pre-fire state and an attempt to remove signs of human activity that occur during fire suppression activities. This helps curb erosion and promotes the regeneration of native vegetation. Lines created by fire fighters and heavy equipment to suppress fire activity are returned to their natural state. This is limited to burned over fire lines inside the fire perimeter. Exterior fire control lines will be maintained to ensure active fires remain in the containment zone. The forest will determine the appropriate time to rehabilitate these control lines. Hazard trees along roadways that could fall due to their weakened state from fire are felled to help make the area safer for the public.

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

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 changing daily as crews continue to make progress. For updates on forest road and trail closures, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

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