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Fire Update

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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests afternoon update

Kamiah, Idaho – Forest firefighting personnel continue to use favorable weather conditions to extinguish small fires burning across the Forests' backcountry while incident management teams continue to build and reinforce firelines around the larger fires within the region's multiple fire complexes.

Recent widespread rainfall throughout north-central Idaho prompted most north-central Idaho land management agencies to rescind fire restrictions. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, all fire restrictions will be lifted, and campfires will once again be permitted on lands managed by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Forest managers continue to revise the list of area, road and trail closures as firefighters make progress securing firelines, and fire behavior and weather conditions moderate.

Today, two area closures within the Red River Ranger District were withdrawn and replaced with a single smaller area closure in the vicinity of the Red River Complex. The changes will allow hunters more access into game units 16 and 20.

The closure west of Newsome in the vicinity of Pilot Knob was lifted in its entirety. That area had been closed due to fire activity associated with the Baldy Fire.

A second closure associated with the Red River Complex was also lifted and replaced with a smaller area closure south and east of Red River. The closure is roughly bounded by Magruder Road 468 on the north and the Salmon River on the south. Roads 222 and 1190, Noble Creek Trail 208 and Road 421 form the western boundary, while Trails 502 and 96 define the eastern edge of the area. Trails 501 and 208 are closed, as is a segment of Road 1190.

The Magruder Corridor Road 468 remains open, but delays are possible.

Six trails on the Red River District that closed August 19 were re-opened including Rainey Creek 583, Bargamin Creek 502, Cache Creek 501, Crofoot 576, and Rattlesnake Ridge 577.

Since the closure and restriction situation is dynamic, individuals planning to visit the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are encouraged to contact any of the Forests' offices or visit the Forests online at www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater and click the "fire information" tab for the latest fire information and a current map of closures. Additional information regarding specific fires or fire complexes can be accessed at www.inciweb.nwcg.gov (Inciweb).

South Zone (Salmon River and Red River Ranger Districts)

Little to no growth is being reported for the Red River Ranger District's two major fires: Slaughter Fire, 100 acres, located roughly seven airline miles west of Dixie; and Rattlesnake Fire, 1,350 acres, located roughly eight miles east of Dixie.

Major fires still burning on the Red River District are being managed by the Southern Area's "Red" Incident Management Team located at Red River. Information for those fires can be obtained from Inciweb, by calling 877-367-9503, or by emailing selwaycomplex2015@gmail.com.

The Tepee Springs Fire east of Riggins is burning on the Forests' Salmon River Ranger District, and has spread across roughly 19,000 acres on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. That fire is being managed by an Incident Management Team who is also posting updates to Inciweb. Fire information can be obtained by calling 877-683-5560 or emailing payettefireinformation@gmail.com.

Central Zone (Lochsa-Powell and Moose Creek Ranger Districts)

Name: *Lochsa South Complex*

Location: South of Lochsa River from Warm Springs Creek to the Selway River

Started: August 15, 2015

Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 9,690 acres

Containment: 0% Contained

Active Fires within the Complex: Sponge 5,100 acres, Lone Lake 220 acres, Lone Knob 460 acres, Horse Camp 570 acres, Grit 525 acres, Fire Creek 1,210 acres, Airstrip 1,425 acres.

Major Events: Fire activity has been minimal, limited to smoldering and creeping. As a precaution, trail closures remain in effect to protect the public from the threat of the predicted increase in fire behavior, and snags and rolling material in burned areas.

Name: *Wilderness Complex*

Location: Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (much of the Moose Creek Ranger District)

Started: August 4, 2015

Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 19,295 acres

Containment: 0%

Active Fires within the Complex: Roll Creek 7,850 acres, Rock Point 250 acres, Meeker 2,400 acres, Baily 1,525 acres, Army Mule Fire 5,400 acres, Barren 1,205 acres, Wahoo 650 acres.

Major Events: These fires are burning within the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and are being monitored as they play their natural role in shaping the Wilderness landscape.

North Zone (Palouse and North Fork Ranger Districts)

Name: *Larkin Complex*

Location: Roughly 30 airline miles NE of Pierce

Started: August 17, 2015

Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 7,550 acres

Containment: 0% Contained

Active Fires within the Complex: Snow Creek Fire 3,310 acres, Wolf Pack Fire 1,385 acres, and Heather Fire 2,090 acres, Minnesaka 510, and Roaring 190, Twins 35, Platinum 25.

Name: *Scurvy Mountain Fire*

Location: 28 miles ENE of Pierce, Idaho

Started: August 21, 2015

Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 527 acres

Containment: 0% contained

Major Events: Spread limited due to rain, higher humidities and cooler temperatures. Actions have been taken to protect the Scurvy Mountain Lookout.

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