



## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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# Fire Update

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## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests morning update

*Kamiah, Idaho* – With the cooler temperatures and higher humidities, firefighters are working to mop-up and reinforce lines on existing fires. The recent rains have slowed, but not ended, fire season.

As firelines are secured for the many large fires that threatened private property and homes, firefighting personnel from the Forests are concentrating efforts on suppression actions for some of the Forests' backcountry fires. To date, the Forests have detected 279 fires, 189 of which have been extinguished. Those fires have burned across an estimated 180,000 acres.

Due to public safety concerns, a number of area, road, and trail closures remain in place in the vicinities of major fire activity. Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest officials continue to monitor conditions on the Forest and will adjust existing closures as soon as it is safe to do so.

Late Friday, September 4, closures were removed from several Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Trails on the Moose Creek Ranger District. Those trails included Bear Creek Trail 516, and Selway River Trail 4 and a number of associated trails.

Individuals planning to visit the national forests are encouraged to contact any of the Forest's offices or visit the Forests online at [www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater](http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater) and click on 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.incweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.incweb.nwcg.gov).

### South Zone (Salmon River and Red River Ranger Districts)

**Name:** *Red River Complex*

**Location:** South of Elk City, Idaho

**Started:** August 17, 2015

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Acreage:** 41,830 acres

**Containment:** 0% Contained

**Fires Originally within Red River Complex:** 6 fires

**Active Fires within the Complex:** Slaughter 100 acres and Rattlesnake 1,350 acres are being managed by the Red River District. The other fires in this complex are being managed by an incident management team. Those fires include Lone Park and Crown (combined) 33,250 acres, Noble Fire 5,750 acres, and Little Green Fire 1,380 acres.

**Major Events:** Little to no growth is being reported for the Slaughter or Rattlesnake Fires being managed by the Red River Ranger District. For information regarding the remainder of the fires, please select the Selway Complex from [www.incweb.org](http://www.incweb.org) or call 877-367-9503.

## 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:** Fires are being monitored.

**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:** 7,330 acres

**Containment:** 0% Contained

**Active Fires within the Complex:** Snow Creek Fire 3,270 acres, Wolf Pack Fire 1,370 acres, and Heather Fire 2,085 acres, Minnesaka 450, and Roaring 100.

**Name:** *Scurvy Mountain Fire*

**Location:** 28 miles ENE of Pierce, Idaho

**Started:** August 21, 2015

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Acreage:** 520 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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**Closures:** Closure orders are available at [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/). Click on the fire information tab and scroll down to the closure area map and/or specific Forest orders.

**Hunters:** Current information is available from [www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/fire](http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/fire).

**Idaho County Evacuations:** The Idaho County Sheriff's office has established a Facebook page and has advised the public to check that page for the latest in evacuation information:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Idaho-County-Sheriffs-Office/178393728844032>.

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