

Clearwater Complex Update

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Facts at a Glance

Size: 52,759 total acres **Date Started:** 08/13/2015 **Percent Containment:** 15%
Personnel Assigned: 755 personnel
Location: Most of the complex is adjacent to Kamiah, ID
Cause: Lightning **Structures Lost:** Lawyer's Complex: 30 residences, 75 outbuildings
Fisher Fire: 4 outbuildings
Cost: \$4.02 million

The Clearwater Complex is being managed by Greg Poncin's Type 1 Northern Rockies Incident Management Team and Rick Kusicko's North Idaho Incident Management Team. The Teams are based in Kamiah, Kooskia and Craigmont, Idaho. These fires are results from recent lightning storms moving through the area.

Lawyer 2 Fire – Kamiah, Idaho

Crews in the areas west of Kamiah will continue mop and patrol operations. Crews continue securing control lines and mopping up along the fire's perimeter. This entails extinguishing or removing burning material near control lines and felling snags.

Mandatory Evacuations remain in place on the west, north and east sides of Kamiah outside of the city limits. U.S. Highway 12 is still open but may periodically have a pilot car moving traffic through the fire area north of Kamiah. Structure protection remains a high priority.

Lolo 2 Fire – South of Weippe, Idaho and north of Woodland, Idaho

Firefighters will continue constructing line around the southwest, Woodland, and Harrisburg areas as well as structure protection measures.

Carrot Ridge Fire – Northeast of Pardee, Idaho

Active fire behavior was observed on the fire yesterday and today. With the fire moving both north and south. Firefighters are working to construct line.

Fisher Fire – Big Canyon area, approximately 7 miles north of Craigmont, Idaho.

Today, crews on the north side of the fire will continue improving and trying to hold containment lines along the canyon rim. North of Six Mile Canyon, firefighters will begin direct line construction as conditions allow, trying to prevent further northward progression in Big Canyon. Structure protection measures will continue around the fire perimeter.

Evacuations will remain in place as there is still active fire on the landscape.

Syringa Fires - NE of Syringa, Idaho

This includes the Woodrat, Big Hill, and Four Bit Fires. These fires are being evaluated but are unstaffed at this time.

Pilot Knob (Red River, Idaho).

The fire area is estimated at 252 acres and is unstaffed at this time.

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