



Clearwater Complex Update



August 19, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 39,200 total acres*

Date Started: 08/13/2015

Percent Containment: 30%

Personnel Assigned: 683 personnel

Equipment: 39 engines, 20 dozers, 33 water tenders

Cause: Lightning

Aircraft Assigned: 4 helicopters

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho Department of Lands, US Forest Service; Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association; Lewis and Idaho counties; Nez Perce Tribe; City of Kamiah, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho State Patrol, nine Rural Fire Departments

*Command of the Fisher Fire (21,640 acres) transferred to Wilkins' Southern Blue Team at 8:00am on Tuesday, so it is no longer included in the Clearwater Complex acreage. Command of the Wood Rat Fire (2,806 acres) transferred to Kuisko's North Idaho Team at 8:00pm on Wednesday, so it is also no longer included in Clearwater Complex acreage.

There will not be a fire information meeting in Kamiah on Thursday. However, a public meeting will be held in Fraser tomorrow, Thursday, August 20 at 6:00pm at the Fraser Community Center.

The warming and drying trend continued today and is forecast to continue tomorrow with increasing winds. High temperatures on Thursday will range from the upper 80's to low 90's, relative humidities will drop to 12-14%, and winds will gust to 18 mph. A Fire Weather Watch has been issued for Friday with winds in the 20 to 25 mph range.

Today's Actions: The fire was active today in the area north of Woodland, southwest of Schmidt Creek in Lolo Creek. Air resources, including heavy helicopters (these can drop over 1000 gallons of water) and single engine air tankers using retardant, were used to moderate this activity. Firefighters reinforced fire lines in the Willow Creek area. Small burnouts near Caribel were also conducted today.

Beginning around 9:00pm tonight, crews will conduct a large burnout operation near the edge of Lolo Creek Canyon, northeast of Woodland, to connect the Carrot Ridge Fire to the Lolo 2 Fire. This action will consist of a slow-moving backing fire that will back down the canyon and will prepare the area for the higher northerly winds forecasted for Friday.

Tomorrow's Plans: Firefighters will mop-up and patrol the burnout area in Lolo Creek. Along Caribel Road (near Harrisburg Road) southeast towards Lolo Creek crews will continue constructing direct line. Crews will mop-up along Forest Service Road 100 and do line construction in the Church Canyon area.

Closures: U.S. Highway 12 and 11 remain open to all traffic but may periodically have a pilot car moving traffic through the fire area.

Additional Info: We have an information center at the Idaho Department of Lands in Kamiah. Fire information and updates can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or call either (406)309-0371 or (208) 507-2621

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