



Clearwater Complex Update



Saturday, August 22, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 45,243 total acres

Date Started: 08/10/2015

Percent Containment: 40%

Personnel Assigned: 758

Equipment: 56 engines, 12 dozers, 25 water tenders

Cause: Lightning

Aircraft Assigned: 5 helicopters

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho Department of Lands; US Forest Service; Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association; Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho Counties; Nez Perce Tribe; City of Kamiah; Idaho Transportation Department; Idaho State Patrol; Lewis County Sheriff's Office; Clearwater County Sheriff's Office; Idaho County Sheriff's Office; and nine rural fire departments.

Weather: Temperatures tonight will fall to the mid-40s to around 50. Winds will be light and mostly downslope/down valley at 3 to 6 mph and the relative humidity will recover to around 60%.

Today's Actions: Crews worked to hold and secure the fire line south of Lolo Creek in the Woodland area and also continued to mop up and patrol the spot fire that occurred there on Thursday. They held and secured the fire line from the intersection of Harrisburg and Caribel Road north to Lolo Creek and east along the Caribel Road to the intersection with Adams Grade. In the Hidden Valley area, firefighters worked toward securing control lines with a goal of mopping them up to a distance of 66 feet. Crews improved fire lines from Kidder Road to Church Canyon and improved structure protection in the Shenandoah Subdivision and began mopping up to a distance of 100 feet. They also continued constructing control lines from Shenandoah Subdivision to Caribel Road and worked to secure the fire line from Kidder Road to Church Canyon. In the Texas Creek/Schmidt Creek area as well as between the 2013 Incendiary Fire and Three Mile Road, firefighters constructed and improved line following yesterday's active fire behavior. Thick smoke from area fires prohibited air operations today.

Tomorrow's Plans: Fire crews will construct direct line near the 2013 Incendiary Fire and will conduct a small firing operation if conditions allow. They will also improve fire lines in the Texas Creek and Schmidt Creek area. Across the rest of the Clearwater Complex, work will transition from line construction and line improvement to mop-up and patrol.

Closures: Highways 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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Clearwater County Commissioners

August 22, 2015 @ 8:00 AM

Press Release: Clearwater County Fires Briefing

Municipal Complex in Orofino and the Lolo Fires of the Clearwater Complex within Clearwater County.

The Weather front passed on Friday with some damage to fires outside of Weippe on the Lolo Fire. The winds did not affect the Municipal Fire lines. The Blue Team is handling the mop up of Municipal.

The Lolo Fires picked up from the winds yesterday. This caused some fire activity at Hidden Valley, Incendiary Creek, Texas Creek and Schmidt Creek. The lines were hit with retardant. Lines were re-secured. Today the lines will be re-enforced.

The evacuation levels today are the following on the Lolo Fires:

Level 3 Evacuations with Road Closures

Lolo Creek Road-Hidden Valley Lane

3 Mile Road: at the intersection with Hwy 11 with 3 Mile Road through to Lolo Creek Road

4 Mile Road: and all roads off 4 Mile Road

Level 2 Evacuations

City of Weippe

Highway 11 MP 13-14

Lombard Road

Level 1

Community of Greer

Greer Grade

The evacuations levels will be evaluated today to see when changes can be made for the residents to be able to return to their homes. The public will be notified of any changes.