



Clearwater Complex Update



Monday, August 24, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 47,260 acres

Date Started: 08/10/2015

Percent Containment: 50%

Personnel Assigned: 692

Equipment: 52 engines, 5 dozers, 23 water tenders **Cause:** Lightning

Aircraft Assigned: 6 helicopters

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho Department of Lands; U.S. 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: Residents got no relief Monday from the smoke that has settled in the Clearwater Valley for the past two days. Most of the smoke is generated by fires in the interior, but Incident Meteorologist Makoto Moore said wildfires in Oregon and western Idaho are contributing to the poor air quality. The forecast calls for more of the same weather for Tuesday.

Today's actions: Crews spent the day building and reinforcing fire line around the entire perimeter of the Clearwater Complex. To protect communities in the fire's interior, firefighters fortified the line from Greer Grade to Jungert Pond and from Jungert Pond to Highway 11. To the south and east, crews improved fire line from the Shenandoah subdivision through Church Canyon.

Tomorrow's plans: Crews will take advantage of the inversion layer's subduing effect on the fire Tuesday. They will mop up as needed to meet the standard depth of 100 feet, but teams are largely in patrol status, according to the line operations chief.

Smoke Concerns: People adversely affected by the smoke can find information about how to mitigate health hazards at <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>.

Evacuations: Clearwater County Commissioners today allowed residents in many fire-affected communities to return to their homes. For specifics, see Page 2 of this update or Clearwater County's Facebook or web page.

Additional Info: An information center is operational at the Idaho Department of Lands in Kamiah. For fire information and updates, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or call (406) 309-0371 or (208) 507-2621.

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Press Release

On the Lolo Fires of the Clearwater Complex within Clearwater County.

Level 2 Evacuations

Lolo Creek Road-Hidden Valley Lane

Level 1 Evacuations

3 Mile Road

4 Mile Road

All other locations that were previously at Level I are at no level. Remain aware that fire conditions are still high and could change quickly.

For information on the fires please contact the fire lines as follows:

Clearwater Complex: Type I Team (Poncin) Information phone line is: 406-309-0371 or 208-507-2621.

Or use the information email: NPCLW.fire.information@gmail.com

Municipal Complex: Type I Team (Blue Team) Information phone line is: 208-476-5110

Or use the information email: municipalfire.blueteam@gmail.com

Motorway Complex Type II Team (Kusicko) Information phone line is: 208-926-4170

Or use the information email: MotorwayComplex@gmail.com