



# Clearwater Complex Update



Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:00 a.m.

## Facts at a Glance

**Size:** 47,260 total 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:** Similar to Monday, light southwest winds will transition to north-to-northeast surface winds by midday in the lower elevations. This could help reduce the effects of the inversion, but in the canyons, the smoke will hold. Temperatures will be in the high 80s and low 90s, with relative humidities between 13 to 18 percent.

**Yesterday's Actions:** Crews worked to hold and secure fire line on the Clearwater Complex from the intersection of Caribel and Harrisburg roads north to Lolo Creek and east along the Caribel Road to Jungert Pond. Improvements were also made along the fire line from the Shenandoah subdivision to Caribel Road, from Shenandoah along Kidder Ridge and from Kidder Ridge into Church Canyon. In addition, crews and heavy equipment started constructing indirect line on the Jay Point Fire.

**Today's Plans:** On the Clearwater Complex, firefighters will continue mopping up and securing control lines. Crews will also work on hot spots and pockets of unburned fuels near the 2013 Incendiary Fire. Areas west of Kamiah and along the Clearwater River will only need to be patrolled. Further east, on the Jay Point fire, crews will construct indirect hand line and use heavy equipment for dozer line.

**Air Operations:** Air operations may be used on either fire if the smoke clears. To date, 245,000 gallons of retardant and 1.2 million gallons of water have been dropped on the Clearwater Complex fire.

**Smoke Concerns:** Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on mitigating smoke related health hazards, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>.

**Evacuations:** A Level 2 evacuation remains in effect for Lolo Creek Road - Hidden Valley Lane. Three Mile Road and Four Mile Road are still at Level 1. The communities of Woodland and Harrisburg are also at Level 1.

**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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