



Clearwater Complex Update



August 16, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 43,240 total acres
Personnel Assigned: 741 personnel
Cause: Lightning
Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service; Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association; Lewis and Idaho counties; Nez Perce Tribe; City of Kamiah, Idaho DOT, Idaho Highway Patrol, nine Rural Fire Departments
Structures Lost: Lawyer's Complex: 42 residences, 75 outbuildings
Fisher Fire: 4 outbuildings

Date Started: 08/13/2015 **Percent Containment:** 15%
Equipment: 40 engines, 15 dozers, 23 water tenders
Aircraft Assigned: 4 helicopters

WE ARE STILL HERE

Incident Commander Greg Poncin announced today that Incident Commander Bob Fry and his team have been reassigned to the "Not Creative Fire" at Cataldo, Idaho west of Couer d'Alene, Idaho due to the complexities of the multiple fires throughout the West. According to Poncin, "It is not unusual when there is the magnitude of fire activity that we are now experiencing, that nationally resources are reassigned to most effectively and efficiently fight fire. All resources assigned to Fry's team will be moved to the Incident Command Post in Kooskia at the Clearwater Valley High School. My team and I and our resources will still be here fighting this fire. Our priority is firefighter and public safety and structure protection. We are committed to those priorities". We will have an information center at the Idaho Department of Lands in Kamiah by Tuesday. For now our information phone number is the same 406-309-0371. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working on getting local phone numbers.

Lawyer 2 Fire – Kamiah, Idaho

Fire activity was moderate today due to the cooler temperatures and low winds, leaving fuels somewhat shaded throughout the day. Smoldering stump holes and unburned pockets of green islands within the fire perimeter exhibited activity this afternoon. Mop and patrol operations continued along the fire's perimeter. U.S. Highway 12 is open. Structure protection remains a high priority.

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

Air operations assisted firefighters in the southern area of the fire with bucket drops as needed. Structure protection and hand-line construction continued in the east and southeast areas of the fire.

Carrot Ridge Fire – Northeast of Pardee, Idaho

Active fire behavior continues in the south, southeast areas of the fire. Firefighters work to construct and hold both direct and indirect lines.

U.S. Hwy 11 from the junction of Hwy 11 & Hwy 12 to Hwy 11 mile post 9 is closed. Officials are working diligently for a limited opening of the road using pilot cars in the near future.

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

Crews on the north and south sides of the fire worked to improve and hold containment lines. Structure protection measures will continue around the fire perimeter.

Syringa Fires – Northeast of Syringa, Idaho

This includes the Woodrat, Motorway (formerly Big Hill), and Four Bit Fires. These fires continue to be evaluated but are unstaffed at this time.

Additional Info: For fire information and updates please check <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or call (406)309-0371
For evacuation information in Idaho County please contact the Idaho County Sheriff's Department (208) 983-1100

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