



# Clearwater Complex Update



August 17, 2015 8:00 a.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

**\*\*A Public Meeting will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. in The Life Center in Kamiah, located at 4432 Hwy 12. \*\***

A gradual warming and drying trend is expected over the next few days. Temperatures will be in the high 80's to low 90's with low winds to the northwest. The valley will remain smoke-filled while the ridges will begin to clear by afternoon.

### **Lawyer 2 Fire** – Kamiah, Idaho (23,855 acres)

Crews will continue mop-up and patrol operations. U.S. Highway 12 is open to all traffic but may periodically have a pilot car moving traffic through the fire area north of Kamiah. Structure protection remains a high priority.

### **Lolo 2 Fire** – Between Weippe and Woodland, Idaho (3067 acres)

Firefighters continue to construct and secure control lines in the Caribel area both north and south of the road. Structure protection continues in the east and southeast areas of the fire. Resources will be reassigned as priorities change.

### **Carrot Ridge Fire** – Northeast of Pardee, Idaho (4264 acres)

Fixed wing aircraft using retardant will continue to assist firefighters in the north and northeast areas of the fire in efforts to keep the fire from expanding. Crews proceed to build control lines along the eastern perimeter of the fire. Active fire behavior is expected to continue in the southern region of the fire where firefighters continue to construct and improve 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 continue to improve and hold containment lines. Structure protection measures continue around the fire perimeter.

### **Syringa Fires** – Northeast of Syringa, Idaho

This includes the Woodrat, Motorway (formerly Big Hill), and Four Bit Fires. The Woodrat Fire will be staffed again today and firefighters will begin line construction around the perimeter. The Four Bit Fire will remain unstaffed.

**Additional Info:** We will have an information center at the Idaho Department of Lands in Kamiah by Tuesday. For now 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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