



Clearwater Complex Update



August 17, 2015 8:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 58,116 total acres

Date Started: 08/13/2015 **Percent Containment:** 25%

Personnel Assigned: 839 personnel

Equipment: 47 engines, 21 dozers, 34 water tenders

Cause: Lightning

Aircraft Assigned: 4 helicopters

Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service; Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association; Lewis and Idaho counties; Nez Perce Tribe; City of Kamiah, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho State Patrol, nine Rural Fire Departments

Structures Lost: Lawyer's Complex: 42 residences, 75 outbuildings
Fisher Fire: 4 outbuildings

*****A Public Meeting will be held tomorrow, August 18, 5:30 p.m. at the Syringa Café in Syringa.*****

Today's weather was favorable for fire conditions and helping firefighters fight the fire on their terms instead of reacting to weather driven events. Winds remained light and relative humidity was in the high teens. Fire behavior is expected to be moderate throughout the evening hours with creeping ground fire and smoldering stump-holes.

Lawyer 2 Fire – Kamiah, Idaho (31,870 acres)

Mop-up and patrol operations progressed throughout the day in the southwestern area of the fire. Air operations used retardant drops to check the progress of the fire in the southeastern area. 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 (3,310 acres)

The northern area of the fire has burned into the old Incendiary Creek burn scar from 2013. This has slowed progression along the ridge above Lolo Creek. In the southern area of the fire structure protection continues as crews improve existing line and construct new indirect line.

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

The fire's progression to the north was held in check today by dozer line and air operations. An indirect fire line along the ridge is being constructed on the northeast side. U.S. Hwy 11 from the junction of Hwy 11 & Hwy 12 to Hwy 11 mile post 9 is open with the use of pilot cars.

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

Crews and equipment continued the challenging work of not only stopping further up-canyon progression in upper Big Canyon (along the fire's southwestern boundary) and in Six Mile Canyon (along the fire's northwestern boundary) with new fireline construction, but also continued patrolling extensive fire perimeter, putting out hotspots in heavy forest fuels and trying to confine the fire to the canyonlands.

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 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

For evacuation information in Idaho County please contact the Idaho County Sheriff's Department (208) 983-1100

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