



Clearwater Complex Update



Thursday, August 20, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 40,181 total acres*	Date Started: 08/10/2015
Percent Containment: 30%	Personnel Assigned: 784 personnel
Equipment: 47 engines, 20 dozers, 29 water tenders	Cause: Lightning
Aircraft Assigned: 4 helicopters	

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

*Command of the Fisher Fire transferred to Mike Wilkins' Southern Area Blue Team at 8:00am on August 19, so it is no longer included in the Clearwater Complex acreage. Command of the Woodrat Fire transferred to Kusicko's North Idaho Team at 8:00pm on August 19, so it is also no longer included in Clearwater Complex acreage.

Weather: High temperatures today ranged from the upper 80s to low 90s, relative humidity dropped to 15%, and winds were 10 to 15 mph. A Red Flag Warning will be in effect on Friday from 8am until 8pm with winds at 15 to 20 mph, gusting to 25 mph. Cold front passage is forecast for 2:00pm. The high temperature will be in the upper 70s and relative humidity will drop to around 20%.

Today's Actions: Firefighters mopped up and patrolled the burnout area in Lolo Creek north of Woodland. Along Caribel Road (near Harrisburg Road) southeast toward Lolo Creek, crews continued constructing direct line. Firefighters mopped up along Forest Service Road 100 and constructed fire line in the Church Canyon area. In all divisions of the fire, crews responded to structure protection needs as requested. Air resources used today included a CL-415 "Super Scooper" Canadian air tanker that was engaged in the Schmidt Creek area.

Tomorrow's Plans: Firefighters will continue to prepare for the higher winds that are forecast for Friday afternoon by reinforcing lines and will also respond to structure protection needs. The dozer line in Poverty Gulch that was completed today will be strengthened.

Evacuations: A Level 3 evacuation was issued on Thursday afternoon for the west side of Three Mile Road and Lombard Road near Weippe. Timberline High School is being opened to serve as an evacuation center. For more information, go to <http://www.clearwatercounty.org/>

Closures: Highways 12 and 11 remain open to all traffic, but they may periodically have a pilot car moving traffic through the fire area.

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.

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