



Clearwater Complex Update



Sunday, August 23, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 45,243 total acres

Date Started: 08/10/2015

Percent Containment: 40%

Personnel Assigned: 758

Equipment: 61 engines, 13 dozers, 18 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: Today is the start of a gradual warming and drying trend, with highs forecast in the upper 80s and low 90s. Relative humidity is expected to be between 13 to 18 percent. Smoke will linger in the valleys until the inversion layer lifts in the early afternoon.

Yesterday's Actions: Fire crews secured the fire line from the intersection of Harrisburg and Caribel roads north to Lolo Creek and east along the Caribel Road to the intersection with Adams Grade. In the Hidden Valley area, control lines were fortified toward a standard depth of 100 feet. Crews improved fire lines from Kidder Road to Church Canyon and improved structure protection in the Shenandoah Subdivision and began mop-up. They also continued constructing control lines from Shenandoah Subdivision to Caribel Road and improved the fire line from Kidder Road to Church Canyon. Firefighters strengthened the line following yesterday's active fire behavior in the Texas Creek/Schmidt Creek area and between the 2013 Incendiary Fire site and Three Mile Road. Thick smoke from area fires prohibited air operations.

Today's Plans: Crews will take advantage of favorable weather and subdued fire activity to continue reinforcing fire lines south of Lolo Creek in the Woodland area and conduct structure protection as needed. A small firing operation is planned for the site of the 2013 Incendiary Fire if conditions allow. Crews also plan to improve fire lines in the Texas Creek and Schmidt Creek areas. Across the rest of the Clearwater Complex, work will transition from line construction and line improvement to mop up and patrol to secure lines. "We got a lot of line established and tied together yesterday," said Operations Chief Mark Goeller. "The basic theme today is search and destroy to minimize a chance of the fire breaking out when the weather changes."

Evacuations: See press release from Clearwater County Commissioners.

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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Clearwater County Commissioners

August 22, 2015 @ 9:00 PM

Press Release Clearwater County Fires Briefing

Lolo Fires of the Clearwater Complex within Clearwater County.

Level 3 Evacuations with Road Closures have been lifted on the following:

Lolo Creek Road-Hidden Valley Lane

3 Mile Road: at the intersection with Hwy 11 with 3 Mile Road through to Lolo Creek Road

4 Mile Road: and all roads off 4 Mile Road

Level 2 Evacuations

Lolo Creek Road-Hidden Valley Lane

3 Mile Road

4 Mile Road

Highway 11 MP 13-14

Level 1

City of Weippe

Community Greer

Greer Grade

Lombard Road

Cemetery Road

For information on the fires please call 208-476-4064 for a recorded message.