



Clearwater Complex Update



Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:00 p.m.

Facts at a Glance

Size: 47,260 total acres

Date Started: 08/10/2015

Percent Containment: 60%

Personnel Assigned: 628

Equipment: 40 engines, 1 dozer, 22 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: The smoke was worse today with visibility only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in Kamiah. Temperatures were in the mid-80s and low 90s, with relative humidity's between 13 and 18 percent. The weather for Wednesday will be similar. An unstable air mass is developing in the south and could arrive in central Idaho later in the week. This could increase the chance of thunderstorms and test the strength of the control lines.

Today's Actions: On the Clearwater Complex, firefighters continued mopping up and securing control lines around the perimeter of the fire. Despite the smoke in the atmosphere, one helicopter dropped water near the 2013 Incendiary Fire. Crews also patrolled and inspected fire lines west of Kamiah and along the Clearwater River. Further east, on the 1600 acre Jay Point Fire, the smoke lifted and caused some active burning on the eastern flank.

Tomorrow's Plans:

For the Clearwater Complex, firefighters will continue to hold and secure the firelines. Resources will patrol and look for vulnerable areas and backhaul unused equipment. If the conditions are favorable, the crews will start firing off the ridge on the Jay Point Fire, to tie it into the Lochsa River.

Smoke Concerns: Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on mitigating smoke related health hazards, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>.

Evacuations: A Level 2 evacuation remains in effect for Lolo Creek Road - Hidden Valley Lane. Three Mile Road and Four Mile Road are still at Level 1. The communities of Woodland and Harrisburg are also at Level 1.

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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