



Clearwater-Municipal-Motorway North Complex Update

Update: 16

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

9:00 AM

Incident size: 82,956 acres

Current Situation: 75% contained

Number of personnel: 544

The Municipal, Greer and Fisher fires are in patrol-and-monitor status, with isolated areas of heat well within the perimeter.

Firefighters have been mopping up on the Clearwater Fire and extinguishing hot spots within 200 feet of the fireline. The Lost Hat Fire, near the headwaters of the Orofino Creek approximately five miles east of Pierce, crossed the creek yesterday and two helicopters were used to extinguish the slow-moving fire.

Crews are watching for possible reburns where there are large layers of needle cast under trees in burned areas.

They are also searching for hot spots and extinguishing any they find near structures in the Woodland area. A report of smoke near Woodland Road in Kamiah sent firefighters Monday to investigate. It turned out to be a steaming sawdust pile. The public is reminded to call 911 if a new fire is spotted.

Temperatures should remain relatively cool this week, which can have a moderating effect on fire behavior. Precipitation is expected for Wednesday, with soaking rains likely over the Labor Day weekend.

Crews today plan to build indirect and contingency lines on the Lost Hat, 535 and Musselshell fires in the Motorway Complex North. Aviation resources are available to keep fire in check where the terrain is inaccessible or unsafe for firefighters. More dozer line will be constructed and improved north and west of the Lost Hat Fire, and extensive mop-up continues on both the Clearwater and Municipal complexes.

Suppression repair is almost complete on the Fisher and Greer fires. With suppression repair, firelines are stabilized and erosion control measures are used to prevent soil from entering waterways. Graders are used to improve the condition of gravel roads.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest has been closed, except for the Palouse Ranger District. The closures are listed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>.

Information on the upcoming hunting seasons and areas with limited access may be found on the Idaho Fish and Game site: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/fire>. The phone number is 208-344-3700.

School has started in Central Idaho. With the increased traffic associated with the fires, drivers should use caution, especially when visibility is limited by smoke.

The Southern Area Blue Team continues to manage the Clearwater-Municipal-Motorway North Complex. Fire information updates will be issued under this name. Visit www.facebook.com/centralidahofires for information on Central Idaho fires or <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

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