



Clearwater-Municipal Complex Update

Update: 21

Sunday, September 6, 2015

9:00 AM

Incident size: 82,243 acres

Current Situation: 90% contained

Number of personnel: 302

Recent rains and cooler weather aided firefighters working on all the fires within the Clearwater-Municipal Complex. Most of these fires are in very good shape and the Southern Area “Blue” Interagency Incident Management Team is working to develop a plan for management of these fires. This plan will be developed by the Blue Team in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Lands and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. The plan will consider remaining work to be done, including repair of damage caused by the firefighters while suppressing these fires, any remaining mop up necessary to insure that the fires remain controlled, and retrieving any equipment left in the fields by the fire crews.

Yesterday, heavy wetting rains fell over this entire Complex. While this will be a tremendous help, there is a lot of work left to do on these fires. Because of this, firefighters will likely be working in the area for a couple of weeks.

The Clearwater-Municipal Complex is still mainly in a patrol status. Needle cast will continue to be an issue as trees impacted by the fires drop their needles throughout the next several weeks. This poses a potential problem as needles drop onto smoldering stumps or logs and may ignite and result in open flames which may escape the fire lines. This is the reason firefighters are attempting to completely extinguish any areas of smoldering debris. Work planned for today includes continuing mop-up on Fisher Fire and suppression repair in the Clearwater-Municipal Complex.

For information about trail, road and campground closures on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notices>. Details about how this affects hunting and fishing access can be found at the Idaho Fish and Game site: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/fire>.

The Southern Area Blue Team continues to manage the complex, and a Type 3 management team will be taking these fires on Tuesday at 0600. Visit www.facebook.com/centralidahofires, or search for the fire by name at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

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