



## Clearwater-Municipal Complex Update

**Update: 22**

**Monday, September 7, 2015**

**9:00 AM**

**Incident size: 82,243\* acres**

**Current Situation: 95% contained**

**Number of personnel: 247**

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" Incident Management Team has developed a plan for management of these fires in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Lands and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. The plan considers 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.

Heavy wetting rains fell over this entire Complex on Saturday, with additional light rains falling on Sunday afternoon. 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 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-notice>. 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>.

On Tuesday morning the Southern Area Blue Team will transition the Clearwater-Municipal Complex to a Type 3 management team and the Motorway North Complex will transition to the Southwest Type 1 management team. Visit [www.facebook.com/centralidahofires](http://www.facebook.com/centralidahofires), or search for the fire by name at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

\*This acreage includes that portion of the Motorway North Complex being managed by the Southern Area Blue Team.

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