



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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Fire Update

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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Fire Update

Kamiah, Idaho (September 16, 2016) – Wetting rains, and snow in some locations, in early September has reduced fire behavior on all fires located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Minimal fire activity has been observed and no growth recorded in the last week.

Warm and windy conditions are predicted for today, followed by additional precipitation Saturday night and into Sunday. Additional precipitation is expected to continue to reduce fire activity.

Minimal fire activity has reduced smoke within the fire perimeters and its impacts to local communities. To access information on air quality for Idaho please visit:

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning/current-wildfire-smoke-info/> and for Montana:
<http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/smokereport/mostRecentUpdate.aspx>

Current status of active fires that are being managed for resource benefits:

Moose Creek Ranger District –

Moose fire –The August 15, Lightning-caused fire is located 13 miles northeast of the Moose Creek Ranger Station and 8 air miles west of the Idaho-Montana border. The fire is approximately 8,695 acres with limited growth to the east due to old burns and rocky patches. No additional growth occurred on the fire in the last week due to minimal fire activity and changing weather conditions.

The following trail closures are in place for public health and safety due to wildfire:

East Moose Trail 421 - from the junction of Double Creek Ridge Trail 442 upriver to the junction of Little Dead Elk Pass #2 Trail 5.

Cedar-Moose Creek Trail 486 - from the junction of East Moose Trail 421 to the junction of Maple Lake Lookout Trail 939.

Fire and closure information will be posted on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5002/>.

Elk Ridge fire – The Elk Ridge fire is approximately 1,223 acres and is located 15 miles east of the Moose Creek Ranger Station. Minimal fire activity in the last week was observed and no growth was recorded along the fire's perimeter.

Fires on the Moose Creek Ranger District are remote with no threats to life or property and no potential values at risk are identified. Fires will continue to be managed for resource benefits and monitored daily. For more information on the Moose and Elk Ridge fires, or other general fire information on the Moose Creek Ranger District, please call (208) 926-4258.

Lochsa/Powell Ranger District –

Cedar – July 17, 2016, lightning-caused fire, burning in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, is estimated to be 4,868 acres. Fire activity is minimal with only several small smokes observed and no additional growth in the last week.

The fire is close to the intersection of FS road 358 and 360. FS road 358 remains closed for public health and safety due to wildfire and hazard tree concerns. Other closures include Forest Service trail #30 (in its entirety), trail #45 (from the trailhead at the junction of road #358 to the junction of trail #30) and Forest Service trail #6, Cedar Ridge.

Fire and closure information will be posted on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4874/>, the Lolo Pass Visitor Center, Savage Pass, Elk Summit, the junction of the Forest Service road 358 and Forest Service road 360 and on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests website. For more information, please call (208) 942-3113.

Currently, the forest does not have any fire restrictions. Fire Danger levels vary across the forest from low to very high. Visitors and sportsman are reminded to please be careful with any equipment that could produce a spark. Also, never leave campfires unattended. Pour water and add dirt to your campfire until your campfire is cold. Remember: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

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