



Selway Complex
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Wednesday, September 2, 2015 8:00 AM

Background

The Baldy and Wash fires were caused by lightning strikes on August 10th and 13th. The Crown, Lone Park, Little Green, and Noble were caused by lightning strikes on August 17. The Baldy, Crown, Lone Park, Little Green, and Noble fires are in the Red River Ranger District and the Wash is in the Moose Creek Ranger District of the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest near Elk City, Idaho. All of these fires are being reported under Selway Complex 2015. With dry conditions, gusty winds, steep terrain and a shortage of firefighting resources due to multiple fire starts, the fires quickly grew. Fires are expected to be active until a significant, season-ending weather event occurs, which may not occur until mid/late October.

Fire:	Acreage:	Cont:	Complex:
Wash	35,945	0%	Selway
Baldy	6,879	0%	Elk City
Crown/Lone Park	33,247	0%	Red River
Noble	5,752	0%	Red River
Little Green	1,383	0%	Red River
Selway Complex 2015	Total acres = 83,206		

Yesterday's Events

The Evacuation Alert was lowered to Level 1 for all areas except Mallard Creek and Cook ranches, which remain at Level 3.

Tuesday had cooler weather in the morning, but quickly warmed up, which along with clearer skies, resulted in the drying of fuels in the fire areas.

Wash Fire: The fire was fairly quiet yesterday with minimum growth. Firefighters continued with construction of indirect line east of 1810 road system and structure assessment/protection within the Elk City Township. On a reconnaissance helicopter flight, firefighters confirmed the Indian Hill Lookout survived the fire.

Baldy Fire: The fire did not show any aggressive fire behavior again on Tuesday, but prior containment lines were lost and the containment percentage is back to 0%. Firefighters continued protecting/assessing structures in the Elk City, Mud Springs, and Newsome areas.

Crown/Lone Park Fire: There was not much fire activity on Tuesday for this fire. A few areas were smoldering, but no perimeter growth was detected.

Noble Fire: The fire burned around Mallard Creek Ranch and the east side of Cook Ranch. Firefighters continued structure protection and mop-up around the Ranches.

Point protection efforts focused on assessing, preparing, and defending structures in the areas of Mallard Creek Ranch and Cook Ranch. Elk City, Newsome, the Red River Community (including the Hot Springs) were evaluated for protection needs and some structure protection was completed in those areas.

Planned Events

Firefighters will construct a 100-foot fuel break on the east side of the 1190 road in the Noble fire area. A Hot Shot crew will do a reconnaissance of the Baldy fire area to look for and construct fire lines around spot fires; they will attempt to hold the fire to the east side of the 855 road. Work will continue on mop-up and structure protection in the Mallard Creek and Cook ranches. Installation of sprinklers along with limbing and thinning will continue along the Red River Corridor including the Hot Springs.

There will be a public meeting in Dixie, ID on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Dixie Community Center.

Road Restrictions and Closures

Temporary flight restrictions are over the [Baldy](#) and [Wash](#) fires. The entire Nez Perce National Forest is closed due to fires, with the exception of the Palouse Ranger District. For more information, visit the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest [web site](#).

Evacuations

The Evacuation Alert was lowered to Level 1 for all areas of the fire except Mallard Creek and Cook Ranches which will remain at Level 3.

Fire Weather

The atmosphere continues to dry out today as cloud cover decreases after the morning low clouds and fog. A cold front will spread clouds into the Complex Wednesday with moisture confined to the northern part of the Complex for most of the day. The southern end will remain dry and could see gusty pre-frontal southwest wind by the middle of the afternoon. The front is expected to spread rain to the entire Complex by Wednesday night. Cool and moist conditions will continue from Thursday through the weekend.

Smoke Concerns: Air quality continues to be unhealthy. For more information on current air quality conditions, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>. For information about mitigating smoke related health hazards, visit <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/p/smoke-and-health.html>.

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