



Selway Complex
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Thursday, September 3, 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	33,288	0%	Red River
Noble	5,842	0%	Red River
Little Green	1,383	0%	Red River
Selway Complex 2015	Total acres = 83,470		

Yesterday's Events

Wednesday also had cooler weather in the morning, but predicted high winds did not materialize. Fire activity was minimal on all fires within the complex.

Wash Fire: The fire remained 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.

Baldy Fire: The fire did not show much fire activity again on Wednesday. Firefighters continued protecting/assessing structures in the Elk City, Mud Springs, and Newsome areas. Hotshot crews looked for spot fires and constructed fireline on the west side of the fire.

Crown/Lone Park Fire: The fire did not grow on Wednesday. Crews continued to work on snags and efforts to open the Magruder Corridor.

Noble Fire: Firefighters continued structure protection and mop-up around the Mallard Creek and Cook Ranches.

Planned Events

Firefighters will continue structure assessment and structure protection within the Elk City township. Suppression activities will continue on spot fires west of O'Hare Creek. Indirect line will be constructed east of Elk City 1810 Road system. Crews will do fuel reduction and snag removal along the 1190 road. Mop-up and structure protection activities are planned in the Mallard Creek and Cook ranches. Assessment of structures will continue along the Red River Corridor including the Hot Springs.

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 remain at Level 3.

Fire Weather

Rain showers are expected over the entire Complex Thursday and Friday. A cool and moist air mass will settle over the fires through the weekend. Freezing temperatures at the 7,000-foot elevation are possible.

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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