



Motorway Complex Update

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Friday, September 11, 2015 - 9 a.m.

Motorway Complex (Includes Slide and Woodrat)

Date Started: 8/14

Cause: lightning

Size: 33,852 acres (Slide 10,296, Woodrat 6,459)

Containment: 45 %

Personnel: 655

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Idaho County, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho State Police, Idaho Department of Transportation, Idaho County Light & Power, Clearwater County and Rural Fire Departments.

The fires previously called the Motorway North Complex -- Yoosa, Musselshell Creek, Lost Hat and Snowy Summit are now part of the Motorway Complex.

Weather: A warming and drying trend will continue, with peak temperatures expected on Saturday, creating the potential for the fires to become more active. Today temperatures will reach the low 90s in the valleys and the mid 80s on the Motorway Complex fires. Cooler, wetter weather is expected to move into the area early next week.

Woodrat Fire: Firefighters will patrol the fire and continue to rehabilitate burned areas, along with equipment, to prevent soil erosion.

Slide Fire: With line construction completed, crews began chipping small trees, bushes and branches along the Selway Road. Today they will start removing logs and continue chipping. Water bars are being installed to prevent soil erosion.

Jay Point/ Boulder Fires: Crews will continue to monitor the fires.

Motorway North Group: Firefighters will continue to patrol the fires and improve contingency lines to provide protection for Pierce.

Walde East and Walde West Groups: Crews will patrol the Higgins Hump, Big Hill, and Jungle Fires. Line construction continues on the Walde East and Walde West Fires to tie together the 5528 and 486 road systems and geographical features to ring the fire perimeters. Today crews are constructing direct/indirect lines and mopping up on Forbit and Dollar.

Evacuations: Level 1 evacuations remain in place in the Powell, Lowell, Syringa, and Lolo Hot Springs areas. The Selway Road is open to the O'Hara Creek Bridge. For more information, please visit the Idaho County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Idaho-County-Sheriffs-Office/178393728844032>

Closures: To keep visitors safe, area closures are in place within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests around many active fires. Closures are enforced with road blocks. For updates on closures, which will continue to change, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>

Moose Creek District Area Closure Lifted-An area closure for lands north and south of the Selway corridor has been lifted, and replaced with more site-specific road and trail closures. This will allow access to multiple big game units including 16, 16A and 17.

Road Closures: Selway Road 223 remains closed from O'Hara Bridge to the junction with Falls Point Road 443.

Trail Closures: Trails accessed by much of Selway Road 223 remain closed including Trails CCC Trail 434, Rackcliff 702, West Boyd 710, East Boyd 703, 23 Mile 707, West Glover 705, Glover 704, Gedney-Glover 709, Gedney 708, and Canteen 725 in their entirety.

Fire Restrictions: All fire restrictions within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have been lifted.

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