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Deer Ridge and Siskiyou Fire Conflagration subsides

The Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team entered a unified command with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the cities of Ashland and Medford to manage the structural protection of the Siskiyou Fire in Ashland and the Deer Ridge Fire in Medford. An incident action plan was established for both fires renaming it the South County Fire Complex.

Wildland fire crews from the Deer Ridge and Siskiyou Fires performed successful burnout operations late yesterday to strengthen containment lines. The Siskiyou Fire remains at 190 acres with 85% containment. The Deer Ridge Fire has burned 633 acres and is approximately 45% contained. Current suppression activities are expected to keep both fires within established control lines.

The immediate threat to homes subsided the evening of September 21st as aggressive firefighting lined the perimeter and crews installed hose systems around the homes and firelines. Although some residents were allowed to return home Monday; the majority of the evacuated residents of the 160 homes near Ashland and the 350 homes near Medford returned Tuesday.

More than 860 firefighters from 40 fire agencies and seven counties aided by sheriff deputies, police officers, and public works employees, fought the fires. As the immediate threat to structures is alleviated, State Fire Marshal structural task forces and strike teams have been demobilized. The State's Red Incident Management Team will demobilize today at noon.

The Governor invoked the Conflagration Act September 21st for the Siskiyou Fire and September 22nd for the Deer Ridge Fire; this allowed the State Fire Marshal to mobilize structural firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fire. The request to invoke the Oregon Conflagration Act came from Jackson County Fire Defense Board Chief David Hard.

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