

Beaver Complex Fire Update

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Oregon Fire Information Number: **541-488-7726 (New Phone Number)**
California Fire Information Number: 530-842-2266
Hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

August 5, 2014
9:00 a.m.



Special Message: Level 3 evacuation levels in Jackson and Klamath Counties have been lowered to Level 2. Road Closures to the public are in place. Travel on closed roads will be available to residents only.

The Incident Command Post has moved to Howard Prairie Lake Resort. The phone number for fire information has changed. The new number is 541-488-7726. The public and media are asked to call back if the line is busy.

Current Situation:

Oregon Gulch Fire

Hot areas along the west side of the fire are being mopped up. Fire line along the north and east will be strengthened today. The most active part of the fire is located in the east, above the Oregon border. In light of moderate weather conditions, fire personnel will have an opportunity to construct line directly along the fire to keep it from continuing to move east.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office have assigned the Incident Management Blue Team and structural task forces to protect homes within the Green Springs Fire District area. Task forces from Lane, Benton and Linn Counties are assisting with structure protection.

Salt Creek Fire

Fire personnel working on the Salt Creek Fire have made significant progress on mopping up the fire.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Monsoonal moisture will linger this morning, but will begin to shift southeast of the Oregon Gulch Fire this afternoon. Scattered showers.

Fire Statistics for Salt Creek

Location: 20 miles northwest of Medford, OR
Size: 155 acres
Start Date: 7/30/14

Percent Contained: 87%
Cause: Lightning

Fire Statistics for Oregon Gulch

Location: 15 miles east of Ashland, OR
Size: 36,568 acres (9,464 acres in California)
Start Date: 7/30/14

Percent Contained: 30%
Cause: Lightning

Oregon Wildland Resources Include: 1 Type Crew, 43 Type 2 hand crews, 6 Camp Crews, 51 engines, 25 dozers, 22 water tenders, and overhead personnel.

California Resources Include: 12 dozers, 10 engines, and 3 water tenders.

Air Resources: 14 helicopters and 2 air tankers.

Total Personnel: 1573

Evacuation Orders by County:

Jackson County

Addresses from the 6,000 block on Copco Road and south to the Oregon border will change from a Level 3 Evacuation to Level 2 Evacuation. Level 2 Evacuation means “**BE SET**” to evacuate. You must be prepared to leave at a moment’s Notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment’s notice. Copco Road from the junction with Highway 66 is closed to public traffic.

Klamath County

The Klamath River canyon from John C. Boyle Dam to the California border will change from a Level 3 Evacuation to a Level 2 Evacuation. This includes Topsy Grade Road, Picard Road, and all other normally accessible roads south of Highway 66 east to the Klamath County line in Oregon. Current roadblocks are at Topsy Grade Road and John C. Boyle Dam, south of Highway 66.

Siskiyou County

Contact Siskiyou County for more information.

For the Complex, 270 homes and 50 outbuildings are threatened; 6 homes were destroyed.

Places to get information:

Twitter - www.twitter.com/swofire/

Southwest Oregon District Blog - <http://www.swofire.com/>

Smoke Information - <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>

DEQ - <http://www.deq.state.or.us/AQ/burning/wildfires/index.htm>

Jackson County Sheriff’s Office - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/JacksonCountySheriff>

Inciweb - <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4034/>

NWCC - <http://www.nwccweb.us/information/firemap.aspx>

CAL FIRE Ready, Set, Go - <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

CAL FIRE - www.fire.ca.gov

Siskiyou County Pollution Control District - <http://tinyurl.com/ljzak8a>

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