

# Douglas Complex Fire Update

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Hours of operation: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm



**August 3, 2013**  
**8:00 am**

**Special Message:** A spike camp will be established in Riddle. This will be a camp for firefighters only. All management functions will continue to operate in Glendale at the high school, including fire information.

**Current Situation:** The Douglas Complex currently consists of Rabbit Mountain, Dad's Creek, and Farmer's. Because of favorable weather conditions the last few days, firefighters have been able to make significant progress with fire line construction and firing operations. Firing operations remove unburned vegetation between the fire and the control line, to make the line more secure. Fire activity is expected to increase today with lower humidity and higher temperature.

## Rabbit Mountain – 14,986 acres

Near Middle Creek, firefighters continue to make progress on line construction as well as setting up hoses and water for use in extinguishing heat along the fire line. The containment line held yesterday with some mop up started. A combination of direct and indirect line construction has been completed from Middle Creek north and then south to Cow Creek. These lines will be tested with the change in weather conditions today.

## Dad's Creek – 17,290 acres

The south end of the fire continues to burn actively near Grave Creek. Successful firing operations were completed overnight from the ridge south of Glendale to Grave Creek. Approximately 30 homes remain threatened in the Grave Creek, Poorman Creek, and Lower Wolf Creek areas. Active structure protection will continue in the Grave Creek and Wolf Creek area today.

## Farmer's Creek and Miscellaneous Small Fires – 259 acres

Firefighters will continue mopping up these fires. No further fire activity is expected.

**Weather:** Today will be sunny. Widespread smoke will exist in valleys and along slopes in the morning, but should clear out this afternoon. Afternoon winds are expected to gust 15 to 20 miles per hour.

## **Evacuations and Closures:**

- Cow Creek Road from Riddle into the fire area and from Glendale into the fire has been closed. The National Guard will be conducting traffic control the road blocks and not interfere with firefighters working in the area.
- Evacuations have been downgraded to a level 2 for McCullough Creek Road, Reuben Road, and Mt. Reuben Road in Douglas County. Poorman Creek Road, Lower Grave Creek, Grave Creek, and Lower Wolf Creek in Josephine County remain a level 3.
- Residences in the area are still considered threatened. This means evacuations could be necessary at some point in the future. Any official evacuation orders would be issued by the Douglas County or Josephine County Sheriff's Offices.

**Public Safety/Prevention:** Firefighters are contending with hazards, like falling boulders and trees, old mine shafts, and narrow roads which are affecting access into some of the fire area. Values at risk include homes, commercial timberland, and critical wildlife habitat. There are no reports of homes burned. Two minor injuries have been reported. Two outbuildings have burned.

Douglas Forest Protective Association has increased prevention restrictions for both industry and the public. Check [www.dfpa.net](http://www.dfpa.net) before commencing your activities.

**Fire Statistics:**

**Location:** 7 miles north of Glendale, OR

**Complex Size:** 32,535 acres

**Start Date:** 7/26/13

**Percent Contained:** 15%

**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Personnel:** 2,337

**Resources Include:** 66 Type 2 hand crews, 3 Type1 hand crews, 85 engines, 23 dozers, 26 water tenders, and overhead personnel, National Guard and State Fire Marshal Office resources

**Air Resources:** 7 Type 1 helicopters, 5 Type 2 helicopters, and 4 Type 3 helicopters

**Places to get information:**

Douglas Forest Protective Association - [www.dfpa.net](http://www.dfpa.net)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/DouglasFPA](http://www.twitter.com/DouglasFPA)

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/DouglasForestProtectiveAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/DouglasForestProtectiveAssociation)

InciWeb - <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3559/>

Douglas Complex Photos – To upload: [douglasfire2013.90689@uploads.photobucket.com](http://douglasfire2013.90689@uploads.photobucket.com)

To view: <http://tinyurl.com/DouglasFire2013>

ODF PIO Blog - <http://wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com/>.

ODF Southwest Oregon District - [www.swofire.com](http://www.swofire.com)

American Red Cross - [www.redcross.org/nss](http://www.redcross.org/nss)

Air Quality – [www.oregonblogspot.com](http://www.oregonblogspot.com)

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