



KLAMATHON FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 7/7/2018 Time: 7:00 p.m.



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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 7/5/2018		Incident Start Time: 12:31 p.m.	
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Off Klamathon Road and Copco Road, near Hornbrook, California			
CAL FIRE Unit: Siskiyou Unit			
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Department of Forestry			
Size: 22,000 acres	Containment: 20%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Civilian Injuries:		Firefighter Injuries: 2	
Civilian Fatalities: 1		Firefighter Fatalities:	
Structures Threatened: 810	Structures Destroyed: 72	Structures Damaged: 9	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs and short crown runs. The fire continues to spread into the Klamath National Forest, Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area and private timber stands. Rogue River - Siskiyou National Forest and Jackson County, OR, as well as private timber lands. The fire continues to threaten the communities of Hornbrook, CA; Hilt, CA; and Colestin, OR. Approximately 600 homes in these areas remain threatened. The east flank is threatening two power plants at Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake Reservoir. Water systems for the communities of Yreka and Hornbrook are currently threatened. Threatened and endangered species habitats are threatened on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and Soda Mountain Wilderness. CAL FIRE Black Mountain Repeater and Verizon cellular towers on Horn Peak are currently threatened. Private timber land on the west side of the incident is currently threatened. The Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad, Inc. is currently threatened.
Evacuations:	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS: Evacuation Orders: The communities of Hornbrook, Hilt, Colestin and Irongate Reservoir. Klamath River Community Estates: east of Black Mountain to Desavado Road, south of Copco Road and Ager Beswick Road. East Iron Gate Estates: Areas south of Iron Gate Reservoir/Copco Road, north of Ager/Beswick Road, west of Desavato Road and east of Snackenbury Creek. Copco Lake Area: Areas east of Jenny/Fall Creek, south of the Oregon State Line, north of Copco Road and west of Topsey Grade.

	<p>Evacuation Warnings: East of the Yreka Western Railroad to Iron Gate Reservoir and South to Copco/Ager and North to the CA/OR State line.</p> <p>Pheasant Valley area: East of Interstate 5, south of the summit of Black Mountain, west of Ager and north of Yreka Ager Road. Airport Road area: Southwest of York Road, west of Airport Road, north of Shelly Road and east of Ager Road. Bogus Creek area: South of Ager Beswick Road, east of York Road and west of Bogus Creek.</p> <p>OREGON RESIDENTS:</p> <p>After an assessment was made this afternoon regarding the current Jackson County, Oregon evacuation notifications in place, fire and law enforcement managers have decided the evacuation levels will remain.</p> <p>As a reminder, the following areas in Jackson County are currently at a Level 3 (red) "Go" evacuation notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colestin Road area from the Oregon-California border to the Mount Ashland Ski Road. - Highway 99 from the Oregon-California border to the Mount Ashland Ski Road. <p>In addition, the following areas will remain at a Level 2 (yellow) "Be Set" evacuation notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mount Ashland Ski Road from Mount Ashland down to Highway 99. - Old Highway 99 to just below Callahan's Lodge. 			
Evacuation Center(s):	<p>Jackson Street Elementary School, 405 Jackson St, Yreka, CA 96097</p> <p>*Ashland High School is currently closed but will reopen as an evacuation center if necessary.</p>			
Road Closures:	<p>Road Closures:</p> <p>Ager Rd at Klamathon Road</p> <p>Ager Rd at Shelly</p> <p>Copco Rd at Ager Road</p> <p>Klamathon Road at I5</p> <p>Hilt at I5</p> <p>Ditch Creek Road at I5</p>			
Animal Evac. Center(s):	<p>Small Animals can be taken to Jackson Street Elementary School at 405 Jackson Street, Yreka, CA 96097</p> <p>Large Animal Shelter: Siskiyou County Fairgrounds, 1712 Fairlane Rd, Yreka, CA 96097</p>			
ASSIGNED RESOURCES				
Engines: 176	Water Tenders: 12	Helicopters: 14	Hand Crews: 73	Dozers: 18
Other: 8		Total Personnel: 2,354		
Air Tankers:	<p>Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.</p>			
<p>Cooperating Agencies: Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office; CAL OES; California Highway Patrol; CALTRANS; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; American Red Cross; Pacific Power & Light; National Weather Service; California Conservation Corps, Medford BLM, Redding BLM, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police, Klamath National Forest, Rogue River - Siskiyou National Forest, Fruitgrowers Timberland Co-Op.</p>				

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