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# News Release

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## Beaver Fire Morning Update

**A community meeting has been scheduled for tonight, Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Klamath River Community Hall**

**Siskiyou County, CA August 8, 2014** – The lightning-caused Beaver Fire started July 30, 2014. It is located on the Klamath National Forest near Beaver Creek Road, north of Highway 96 near the Klamath River, in Siskiyou County, California. Fire officials estimate the fire size at 18,397 acres and 20% contained as of 6 AM this morning.

There will be a public tour of the fire camp tomorrow morning, August 9, from 10 to 11 am. Fire camp is located at the quarry, on the NORTH side of State Route 96, across from Klamath River Elementary School. If you would like to participate, please arrive prior to 10:00 am. Parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended. Come out and see what it takes to support over 1,000 firefighters, from lunch to laundry.

The fire grew along the eastern flank yesterday and overnight, in and around structures in Cougar Gulch. Highway 96 travelers and residents are advised to drive slowly, and be aware of crews and equipment along the road.

Christmas Tree Ridge, on the northern portion of the fire, remains secure. Crews continue to work along the northwest fire perimeter into the Dead Cow Creek drainage. The fire is expected to expand west-- towards containment lines in the Doggett Creek area.

Firefighters are mopping up and conducting low intensity tactical firing operations along containment lines above homes in the Beaver Creek area, as well as in the vicinity of Oak Knoll along Highway 96.

Extremely dry fuel moistures persist throughout northern California, increasing the likelihood of rapid fire spread, especially in the steep and rugged terrain above the Klamath River.

In addition to the federal and local resources allocated to the incident, operations are being supported by dozers and engines from CalFire. There are now 1,055 personnel assigned to the Beaver Fire.

To date the fire has been held north of the Highway 96 and no structures have been destroyed by the Beaver Fire.

**Evacuation Information:** There is an advisory evacuation issued by the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office in place for the area between Lumgrey Creek to the Doggett Creek. Evacuees can utilize the Red Cross Shelter at the Jackson Street Elementary School at 405 Jackson Street in Yreka. Kennels will also be available to take in small domestic pets at this location. Please call the Beaver Fire Information line at (530) 331-0737 or the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office at (530) 841-2900 for current evacuation status.

**Road Closure Information:** Highway 96 is now open. However motorists in the area should be aware that if increased fire activity impacts the road or when work is required on sections of the road, there may be intermittent hard closures. Anyone in the area should exercise caution while driving and be aware of increased firefighting activity. Please call the Beaver Fire Information Line at (530) 331-0737 or CalTrans at 800-427-7623 for road closure updates.

There are multiple fires on the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County and in other areas around northern California and southern Oregon. Stay alert and be aware of increased fire equipment traffic on roads. Keep roadways clear; turn headlights on and DO NOT stop or park along the roads to watch the fire or firefighting activities. **Additionally, anyone in the vicinity of a fire should be aware of hazard trees, falling rocks that could enter roadways, and smoky conditions. Those with respiratory issues should limit their time and activity level outdoors.**

More information can be found at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4036](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4036) or follow us on Twitter [@BeaverFireKNF](https://twitter.com/BeaverFireKNF). Also visit the Klamath National Forest Facebook page for additional updates, photos, and information.

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