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Beaver Fire Morning Update

Siskiyou County, CA August 13, 2014 – The lightning-caused Beaver Fire started July 30, 2014. It is located on the Klamath National Forest, north of Highway 96 in Siskiyou County, California. Fire officials estimate the fire size at 32,028 acres and 30% contained as of 6 a.m. Approximately 1,495 firefighters are working on the fire.

Crews used tactical burning operations overnight to reduce remaining fuels above Highway 96 between Doggett Creek and Cherry Flat. An approximately five-acre spot fire occurred on the south side of the river at Oak Bar at around 6 p.m. Crews worked quickly to contain the spot and will continue to patrol the area today. They continued to secure and mop up containment lines around the northwest and southeast perimeter of the fire and to provide structure defense in the area on Highway 96 between Doggett Creek and Horse Creek, the Horse Creek area, and on Middle Creek Road.

Firefighters will continue to improve indirect containment lines on the western edge of the fire today as they take advantage of favorable weather conditions. Crews will also look for opportunities to suppress the fire closer to the fire edge.

Scattered thunderstorms, accompanied by mild to moderate rain, will continue this morning but are expected to clear by the afternoon. Warmer and drier temperatures are expected to return over the next few days.

Evacuation Information: A mandatory evacuation remains in effect for Highway 96 between Doggett Creek and the Horse Creek Road, the Horse Creek area, and the 12 Road (Middle Creek Road). All previously issued evacuation advisories (Lumgreycreek to Doggett Creek) remain in effect. An evacuation shelter at the South Valley Junior High School at 237 Butte Street in Fort Jones, California, is now open for those who have been displaced. Please call the Sheriff's Office or the Beaver Fire Information line at (530) 331-0737 for current evacuation status.

Road Closure Information: Highway 96 is now open. However, motorists should expect intermittent delays and/or hard closures, and non-essential traffic should avoid the area. Please call the Beaver Fire information line at (530) 331-0737 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. Drive with low-beam 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 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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