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Beaver Fire Evening 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 32,176 acres and 40% contained this evening. Approximately 1,645 firefighters are working on the fire.

Wetting rain in the morning reduced fire activity and intensity. This provided crews with the opportunity to better secure firelines on the northeastern and eastern flanks and scout and construct direct firelines along the active western flank. Crews continue to use tactical burning operations to reduce remaining fuels above Highway 96 between Doggett Creek and Cherry Flat. Structure protection along Highway 96 continued and firefighters mopped-up and secured the five-acre spot fire that occurred on the south side of the Klamath River last night at Oak Bar. Crews continued to construct and improve indirect containment lines to the west.

Scattered thunderstorms are still a possibility over the fire area through tomorrow morning. Crews are also looking for possible “sleeper fires” from lightning strikes that occurred around the fire area last night and this morning. Warmer and drier temperatures are expected to return over the next few days, this is likely to increase fire behavior and allow small unidentified fires to begin actively burning.

Evacuation Information: The Mandatory Evacuation has been reduced to an **Evacuation Advisory** for Horse Creek, Highway 96, Oak Knoll at the Walker Creek Bridge, to Horse Creek, which includes Bar Road, Horse Creek Road, Forest Road 46N50, Middle Creek Ranch Road, Roads 8 and 12 (Middle Creek Road), Buckhorn Creek, Walker Road, Klamath River School, Cherry Maple Road, Kohl Creek, Oak Bar, and Doggett Creek. The Siskiyou County Sheriff also **lifted the Mandatory Evacuation and Evacuation Advisory** for the area of Highway 96 from Oak Knoll at the Walker Creek Bridge to Gottville, which includes Beaver Creek Road, Forest Road 48N01, Lumgrey Creek, Empire Creek, Forest Road 48N06, Woodchopper Gulch and Gottville River access and the community of Klamath River. An evacuation shelter at the Scott Valley Junior High School located 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.

Forest Closure: A new Forest Order 14-05-749, effective August 14, 2014 has been implemented for the Beaver Fire. The southern boundary of the closure is defined by Hwy 96 roughly between Ash Creek River Access and Seiad. It extends north along Seiad Creek Road to Horse Creek Road to Salt Gulch then to the Pacific Crest Trail. The PCT is closed from Salt Gulch to Siskiyou Summit Road. The closure continues along Siskiyou Summit Road to Deer Creek Ridge Road, Long John Rd, Beaver Creek Road and the Forest Boundary, then along the boundary to Hwy 96. Beaver Creek and Tree of Heaven Campgrounds are closed. This Order supersedes the previous Forest Order 14-05-743 Dated August 5, 2014.

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.nwccg.gov/incident/4036 or follow us on Twitter **@BeaverFireKNF**. **Also visit the Klamath National Forest Facebook page for additional updates, photos, and information.**

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