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Beaver Fire Morning Update

Siskiyou County, CA August 14, 2014 – The Beaver Fire is currently estimated to be 32,283 acres and 50% contained. This lightning-caused fire started July 30, 2014 and is located on the Klamath National Forest, north of Highway 96 in Siskiyou County, California. Approximately 1,667 firefighters are working on the fire.

Crews made good progress last night in securing the northeast, east, and southeast flanks of the fire as well as in patrolling and securing fireline and providing structure protection for communities near the fire. Firefighters scouted and constructed direct firelines along the active western flank. Crews continued to construct and improve indirect containment lines to the west. Firefighters will continue fireline construction along the active western flank today. Crews will use tactical burning operations to reduce remaining fuels above Highway 96 and further secure containment lines, as opportunities safely allow.

Warmer and drier temperatures are expected to return over the next few days, this is likely to increase fire behavior.

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, the 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.nwcg.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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