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Beaver Fire Evening Update

Siskiyou County, CA August 14, 2014 – The Beaver Fire is currently estimated to be 32,283 acres and 60% 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 1,348 firefighters are working on the fire.

Firefighters discovered a new lightning-strike fire north of the Beaver Fire today and crews were diverted to aggressively contain this fire at less than 1/10 of an acre.

Cooler temperatures and high relative humidity aided firefighters last night and early today. Crews have contained the northeast, east, and southern flanks of the fire. Firefighters are “mopping-up” these lines by extinguishing hotspots within the fire perimeter to further secure the line. Crews are also patrolling and securing fireline around structures near the fire. Firefighters made good progress scouting and constructing direct firelines along the active western flank today.

Warmer and drier temperatures are expected over the next few days.

Evacuation Information: All **Mandatory Evacuations** and **Evacuation Advisories** for the communities near Klamath River have been lifted.

Road Closure Information: Highway 96 is open. However, motorists should expect intermittent delays. Non-essential traffic should avoid the area. Please call the Beaver Fire information line at (530) 331-0737 for road closure updates.

Forest Closure: Forest Order 14-05-749, effective August 14, 2014 has been implemented for the Beaver Fire. The closure boundary begins at the intersection of Highway 96 and Seiad Creek Road (County Road 8D007), and continues northerly along the eastern edge of Seiad Creek Road, but does not include the road, to its intersection with Horse Creek Road (Forest Road No. 46N50). The closure continues northeasterly along Horse Creek Road to Salt Gulch then northerly along Salt Gulch to its terminus. The closure continues north to the Pacific Crest Trail near Copper Butte, following it northwesterly to Wards Fork Gap. It then continues northeasterly along Siskiyou Summit Road (Forest Road No. 41S01) to Deer Creek Ridge Road (Forest Road No. 41S15), then easterly along Deer Creek Ridge Road to Long John Road (Forest Road No. 41S16). The closure follows Long John Road south to Beaver Creek Road (Forest Road No. 11) to the National Forest boundary, then south along the forest boundary to Highway 96. It follows Highway 96 west back to the starting point, but does not include the highway. This closure includes the Beaver Creek campground. Seiad Creek Road is currently open. This Order supersedes the previous Forest Order 14-05-743 Dated August 5, 2014.

Bow hunters should consult various Klamath National Forest Closure Orders from multiple fires to plan their hunting trips accordingly.

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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