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# News Release

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## Beaver Fire Morning Update

**A community meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow, Sunday, August 17, at 3 P.M. at the Klamath River Community Hall**

**Siskiyou County, CA August 16, 2014** – The Beaver Fire is currently estimated to be 32,307 acres in size and 80% 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 1,227 firefighters are working on the fire.

As of 6 a.m. this morning, NorCal Team 1, has assumed management of the Beaver Fire.

Yesterday, firefighters continued to work directly on the fire's edge, constructing handline, laying hose and putting out hot spots along the western perimeter. Only the northwest region remains uncontained in the back of the Doggett Creek drainage. Crews will work to secure this section of the fire over the next few days. Additionally, firefighters are mopping up the contained edges by extinguishing interior hotspots to further secure the line. They are also patrolling and securing fireline around structures near the fire. To date, one barn and two outbuildings have been destroyed.

Warmer and drier temperatures are expected over the next few days, and there is a slight chance of dry thunderstorms Sunday evening. This may increase fire activity and could ignite new fires in the area.

**Evacuation Information:** All **mandatory evacuations** and **evacuation advisories** for the Beaver Fire area 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 14-05-752/ RSF-233, effective August 15, 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 and includes the Pacific Crest Trail near Copper Butte, following it northeasterly 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 14-05-749 Dated August 14, 2014.

Bow hunters should consult the Klamath National Forest Closure Orders and plan their hunting trips accordingly. Detailed forest closure information can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice>.

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](http://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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