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# News Release

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## Beaver Fire Morning Update

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

**Siskiyou County, CA August 17, 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 1,150 firefighters are working on the fire.

With a high level of containment comes cleanup and rehabilitation. A number of crews and heavy equipment are beginning to clean up debris, gear and other items from the fireline and around homes, while others carry on completing and reinforcing containment lines in areas that still require attention. Air resources will continue to assist in hot spot suppression.

There remains a chance of dry thunderstorms this evening, which may produce gusty winds that could increase fire activity. Additionally, the warming and drying trend continues, compounding the chances that new lightning strikes could result in new fire starts.

**Evacuation Information:** There are neither mandatory evacuations nor advisory evacuations in effect in the area of the Beaver Fire.

**Road Closure Information:** Highway 96 is open. However, motorists should expect possible delays. There is still a large amount of fire equipment and personnel traveling and working along the road. Please use extreme caution when entering the area of the Beaver Fire.

**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.**

Smoke resulting from the Beaver Fire and other fires in the area can be unhealthy at best, and hazardous in extreme circumstances. For the daily Smoke Impact Summary, visit <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>.

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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