



U.S. Forest Service
Klamath National Forest
1711 South Main Street
Yreka CA 96097
Voice: 530-842-6131
Email: klamathinfo@fs.fed.us
Web: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath

Facebook: [U.S.Forest Service – Klamath National Forest](#)



News Release

June 12, 2016

Public Pony Fire information:
530-643-7669
Email: KNFPonyfire@gmail.com

Media Contact: Ian Shackelford
530-841-4485
ishackelford@fs.fed.us

Pony Fire EVENING Update: June 12, 2016

**A Public Information Meeting will be held at the
Happy Camp Grange at 6pm on Monday, June 13, 2016**

Happy Camp, CA -- The Pony Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest, about 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp and west of Highway 96. The fire is now about 1,755 acres and 20 percent contained.

Warm and dry temperatures persisted over the fire area today. The fire continued to back down into the Dillon Creek drainage. Crews continued to scout opportunities for containment and improve existing roads and containment lines north of Pony Peak and along Forest Road 15N19 between Elbow Springs and Dry Creek. Standing snags pose a significant threat to firefighters using the 15N19 Road as the main route to the fire. Crews worked today to remove those snags to ensure safe access for firefighters.

Firefighters continued to improve containment lines, including existing roads, on the north and east sides of the fire as well as look for additional opportunities to protect the Crawford Vegetation Management Project, a 1,600-acre forest health and fuels reduction project. A Structure Protection Plan was completed for the residences and buildings along Highway 96, and additional preparation was completed with the landowners.

An upper level trough is predicted to move into the area beginning tomorrow with a possibility of rain beginning later in the week. Residents may begin to see smokier conditions as the wind direction shifts with the incoming weather.

A public meeting will be held Monday at 6 p.m. at the Happy Camp Grange. Fire officials will be provide an update and answer questions.

To ensure the safety of the public and firefighters, a Forest Closure Order is in effect for the Pony Fire area. The closure includes Pony Peak Road (14N39), Pony Peak Ridge Road (15N30), Dry Lake Road (15N28) and Bear Peak Road (15N19) from its intersection with Douglas Creek Road (15N24) continuing west to its end.

More information and maps of closed roads are available at the Klamath National Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/).

Information, maps, and closures are also posted on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4769/>.



Caption: Pony Fire, looking north from Ti Bar. Photo taken at approximately 3pm on June 12, 2016.