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# News Release

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## Gap Fire MORNING Update: September 1, 2016

Happy Camp, CA – The Gap Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest. As of 6am this morning, it is 17,032 acres and 8% contained. 1,561 firefighters are currently assigned to the fire.

**Evacuation advisories remain in effect today. No structures have been damaged or destroyed by the Gap Fire since Sunday, August 28.**

Firefighters made good progress overnight, tactically firing to containment lines off Forest Road 47N77 (west of Robinson Gulch) to prevent fire spread to the west. The northwest side of the fire (from Robinson Gulch to White Cloud Mountain and east toward Doggett Middle Road—also known as Forest Road 12 ) was active overnight, but held within constructed dozer lines. Crews continued to reopen and re-establish dozer lines from the Beaver Fire northeast toward the Pacific Crest Trail and along the east side of the fire. The northeast side of the fire (toward Buckhorn Ridge) was active overnight, pushing toward dozer lines. Spots on the southeastern corner of the fire over Highway 96 in the Everill Creek area continued to hold overnight. The fire continued to back toward the river overnight. Crews on Johnny O'Neill Ridge made good progress building dozer containment line.

Increased northwesterly winds are predicted for later today, and priorities during day shift will be to strengthen lines below Seiad Low Gap down to O'Neill Ridge and along Forest Road 47N77 into Salt Gulch. As part of the effort to contain the fire along the south perimeter, firefighters are using boats to cross the Klamath River.

Highway 96 is now open, with controlled, piloted traffic through the fire area. Burned material, rocks, and vegetation loosened by the fire may roll onto the road and drivers are urged to use extreme caution. The road could be closed at any time, should fire conditions change.

The cause of the Gap Fire is still under investigation. If you have information pertaining to the fire investigation, please contact the US Forest Service Tipline for the Klamath National Forest at 530-841-4474.

Siskiyou County has instituted a rapid emergency notification service called CodeRED®. Please visit <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/content/codered-emergency-alert-system> for more information or to register for CodeRED®. This service is used to notify residents about evacuations

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