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# News Release

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## Gap Fire MORNING Update: September 2, 2016

Happy Camp, CA – The Gap Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest. As of 6:00 a.m. this morning, it is 18,862 acres and 10% contained. Over 1,823 firefighters and 14 helicopters are currently assigned to the fire.

### **Evacuation advisories remain in effect today.**

Firefighters were successful last night, holding the fire and beginning mop up around Robinson Gulch. Firing operations across the north side of the fire (northwest of White Cloud Mountain and across the Middle Doggett Forest Road #12) were successful, and by this morning crews were mopping up. They completed some strategic firing for structure protection, and dozers continued to work north from White Cloud Mountain toward the Pacific Crest Trail. The fire had been very active in the northeast corner through the Buckhorn Creek drainage, but there was no major push last night. Dozers will also work up the Beaver Fire scar toward Dry Lake to tie into the road system and complete indirect fireline on the northeast corner of the fire. The eastern edge of the fire (in the 2014 Beaver Fire scar) has remained relatively cool for the past few days, and remained inactive overnight, with no heat detected within 100 feet of the perimeter. Most activity overnight was along the southern edge of the fire (North of Highway 96). Fire did reach the river in some places, and crews worked successfully to hold it there.

Fire was also active along O'Neill Ridge, and crews today will prioritize working on constructing line in that area. During day shift, firefighters will continue to hold and mop up in areas with completed line, and to scout for more direct suppression opportunities on the northern edge of the fire. Structure protection remains in place where necessary, and a priority today is to protect a large telecommunications tower located south of O'Neill Ridge. If conditions are favorable today, crews will carefully continue to take fire down toward Highway 96

Highway 96 is remains open, with controlled, piloted traffic through the fire area. Drivers are cautioned that as the fire approaches the road, temporary closures may be necessary to protect public and firefighter safety.

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 is the service used to notify residents about evacuations

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