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## Firefighting Resources on the Gap Fire

Crews	59
Engines	110
Dozers	29
Helicopters	13
Fixed Wing Aircraft	Ordered as needed
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>2049</b>

## Gap Fire Evening Update: September 3, 2016

Happy Camp, CA – The Gap Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest. As of 6:00 p.m. it is 21,000 acres and 20% contained.

- **Due to rapid increase in fire activity near the Klamath River, there are now MANDATORY evacuations for both sides of Highway 96 between Scott River Road and Walker Gulch including Hamburg.**
- **Highway 96 between Scott River Road and Walker Gulch including Hamburg is open at this time but subject to closure for public and firefighter safety.**
- **Mandatory evacuations remain for residences on Ladd Road west from Hick’s Gulch to Walker Gulch on the north side of the Klamath River.**
- Advisory evacuations remain issued for Scott Bar and for residents along Highway 96 west from Walker Gulch; including the community of Seiad Valley, and along the Seiad Creek Road from Seiad Valley to Panther Gulch.
- Scott Bar is under an evacuation advisory.
- No additional structures have been damaged or destroyed by the Gap Fire since the initial fire activity on August 28, 2016.
- There will be a public meeting tomorrow afternoon, September 3, at the Seiad Valley Fire Department at 4:00 p.m.

Today an inversion set down on the fire for most of the day, allowing firefighters to continue strengthening containment lines on the west side of the fire. On the north side of the fire, crews tied in additional sections of line. On the east and southeast side of the fire, crews continued to patrol and monitor containment lines. The southeast section of the fire remained quiet with containment lines holding.

Tonight, the priorities remain to continue to hold the fire north of the Klamath River, complete any remaining structure assessments, and provide structure defense as necessary along the Highway 96 corridor. On the west side, crews will continue to mop-up containment lines. On the

north and northeast side of the fire, firefighters are working to minimize the fire effects by performing a firing operation. This effort will allow crews to complete containment lines and reduce the threat of fire crossing those lines. On the east and southeast side, crews will continue to patrol and monitor containment lines.

A Forest Closure is in effect for areas affected by the Gap Fire on the Klamath National Forest. A slight modification was made to the closure today; the Beaver Creek Road is now closed at the intersection with West Beaver Creek Road (47N01). This change allows public access east on the Beaver Creek Road (48N01).

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.

For additional information and pictures, please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4997/>

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