



FORT COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION: (530) 493-1514

Fort Complex / Goff Fire Information Update – Monday, September 10, 2012

The Goff Fire within the Fort Complex is now estimated at 92% containment. Firefighters are in the final stages of containing the northwest corner, working in the Red Buttes Wilderness in the area between Goff Butte and the Butte Fork Trail. Strategic firing operations were completed on the northwest perimeter yesterday. There was also some interior burning in a pocket of fuel east of Upper Devil's Peak which is well within containment lines and poses no threat. Full containment is expected by tonight.

Firelines are being repaired in the fully mopped up areas and contingency lines are being repaired as needed. The goal of fire suppression repair is to minimize environmental impacts caused by firefighting activities. Vegetation that was cut will be scattered and used to cover areas of bare soil that were cleared by firefighters--including handlines, dozerlines, safety zones and helicopter landing sites. Fire suppression repair is the first phase of rehabilitation after a wildfire on federal land. Later phases will include watershed assessment and long term recovery.

Equipment and hose that is no longer in use is being removed from the fire area. Fire crews and other resources are being released as their assignments are completed. A transition to a Type 3 Team will take place on Wednesday. This team will manage ongoing fire suppression repair and patrol of the fire.

Smoke will continue to be visible, but does not indicate a threat to the fireline. Burning and smoldering of stump holes and large logs within the burned area is normal for a large fire event. This kind of interior burning is likely to increase when warmer temperatures return later this week.

Various trail, road and area closures will stay in place for the safety of firefighters and forest visitors. Fire traffic as well as other hazards such as falling snags, stump holes and rolling rocks can be encountered in the fire area. Drivers are urged to use caution, especially on Highway 96 west of Seiad Valley.

Closures & Fire Restrictions

Thompson Creek (18NO1), Thompson Ridge Road (19NO1), Lily Pad Road (47N80) and Bug Creek Road (18N02) are closed on Klamath National Forest. Multiple trail closures are in effect including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Boundary National Recreation Trail, Fort Goff Trail and Portuguese Creek Trail. Please check the closure information posted on InciWeb at: www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/, on the Klamath National Forest website at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath and on the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is also in effect.

Goff Fire Summary:

Size: 22,248 acres, **Containment:** 92 %, **Date Started:** August 5, 2012, **Cause:** Lightning
Injuries to date: 8, **Resources:** 3 engines, 16 hand crews, 9 water tenders, 4 helicopters, 1 dozer

Siskiyou County air quality information: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us> The Klamath and Rogue River - Siskiyou National Forests are in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and check the Forests' websites at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions. ###