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Beaver Fire Morning Update

A community meeting has been scheduled for tonight, August 12th at 7:00PM at the Klamath River Community Hall

Siskiyou County, CA August 12, 2014 – The lightning-caused Beaver Fire started July 30, 2014. It is located on the Klamath National Forest, north of Highway 96 in Siskiyou County, California. Fire officials estimate the fire size at 28,523 acres and 30% contained as of 6am. Approximately 1,455 firefighters are working on the fire.

A Red Flag Warning remains in effect for the area today, through 11 p. m. for thunderstorms and associated strong, erratic winds. Crews on the Beaver Fire are prepared to assist the Klamath National Forest in responding to any new fire starts, should they occur.

On August 11, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a burnover occurred on the Beaver Fire near Klamath River, California. Three firefighters were trapped as a rapid wind shift, caused by outflow winds from a thunderstorm east of the Beaver Fire over took them. All three deployed their fire shelters. They were evaluated on scene, transported to Yreka, examined and released. No serious injuries have been reported at this time.

All firefighters were withdrawn from the firelines as the thunderstorm approached. The thunderstorm east of the Beaver Fire produced 30-35 mph outflow winds that changed direction rapidly and caused extreme fire behavior. With the increase in wind speed, flame lengths extended into the canopy of the trees, causing a sustained crown run which aligned with the exposed east slope on Buckhorn Ridge. Fuels are at critically low moisture conditions and extremely receptive to fire due to the exceptional drought.

Late last night fire activity moderated as it backed toward the quarry at Cherry Flat and down to Highway 96 around the Kohl and Doggett Creek drainages. Firefighters will work today to scout line in front of the active west flank of the fire, and to provide protection for structures in the area, as it is safe to do so. The southern and eastern sides of the fire remained quiet through the night, and firefighters made progress on containment lines in the northeast, near Fish Trap Creek.

Evacuation Information: A mandatory evacuation is in effect for residents of Horse Creek, Middle Creek, Brown Bear, and Kohl Creek. This is for residents along Highway 96 from Doggett Creek to Horse Creek Road. All previously issued evacuation advisories (Lumgreycreek to Doggett Creek) remain in effect. An evacuation shelter at the Scott Valley Junior High School at 237 Butte Street in Fort Jones, California, is now open for those who have been displaced. Please call the Sheriff's Office or the Beaver Fire information line at (530) 331-0737 for current evacuation status.

Road Closure Information: Motorists should anticipate intermittent delays and/or hard closures on Highway 96. All non-essential traffic is asked to avoid the area. Please call the Beaver Fire information line at (530) 331-0737 or CalTrans at 800-427-7623 for road closure updates.

There are multiple fires on the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County and in other areas around northern California and southern Oregon. Stay alert and be aware of increased fire equipment traffic on roads. Drive with low-beam headlights on and DO NOT stop or park along the roads to watch the fire or firefighting activities.

Additionally, anyone in the vicinity of a fire should be aware of hazard trees, falling rocks that could enter roadways, and smoky conditions. Those with respiratory issues should limit their time and activity level outdoors.

More information can be found at inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4036 or follow us on Twitter **@BeaverFireKNF**. **Also visit the Klamath National Forest Facebook page for additional updates, photos, and information.**

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