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Beaver Fire Morning Update

Siskiyou County, CA August 15, 2014 – The Beaver Fire is currently estimated to be 32,307 acres and 75% contained. This lightning-caused fire started July 30, 2014 and is located on the Klamath National Forest, north of Highway 96 in Siskiyou County, California. Approximately 1,388 firefighters are working on the fire.

NorCal Team 2, which has been managing the Beaver Fire for the past two weeks, will be transitioning the management of the fire to NorCal Team 1. The incoming team will shadow today, and assume management of the fire tomorrow, Saturday, August 16 at 6 a.m.

Firefighters will continue to work directly on the fire's edge, constructing handline and putting out hot spots in the vicinity of Deer Camp Meadows and in the Buckhorn Creek drainage. The remaining perimeter is considered contained however, firefighters are mopping up these edges by extinguishing interior hotspots to further secure the line. Crews are also patrolling and securing fireline around structures near the fire. To date, one barn and two outbuildings have been destroyed.

Warmer and drier temperatures are expected over the next few days, which may increase fire behavior.

Evacuation Information: All **mandatory evacuations** and **evacuation advisories** for the Beaver Fire area have been lifted.

Road Closure Information: Highway 96 is open. However, motorists should expect intermittent delays. Non-essential traffic should avoid the area. Please call the Beaver Fire information line at (530) 331-0737 for road closure updates.

Forest Closure: Forest Order 14-05-752/ RSF-233, effective August 15, 2014 has been implemented for the Beaver Fire. The closure boundary begins at the intersection of Highway 96 and Seiad Creek Road (County Road 8D007), and continues northerly along the eastern edge of Seiad Creek Road, but does not include the road, to its intersection with Horse Creek Road (Forest Road No. 46N50). The closure continues northeasterly along Horse Creek Road to Salt Gulch then northerly along Salt Gulch to its terminus. The closure continues north to and includes the Pacific Crest Trail near Copper Butte, following it northeasterly to Wards Fork Gap. It then continues northeasterly along Siskiyou Summit Road (Forest Road No. 41S01) to Deer Creek Ridge Road (Forest Road No. 41S15), then easterly along Deer Creek Ridge Road to Long John Road (Forest Road No. 41S16). The closure follows Long John Road south to Beaver Creek Road (Forest Road No. 11) to the National Forest boundary, then south along the forest boundary to Highway 96. It follows Highway 96 west back to the starting point, but does not include the highway. This closure includes the Beaver Creek campground. Seiad Creek Road is currently open. This Order supersedes the previous Forest Order 14-05-749 Dated August 14, 2014.

Bow hunters should consult various Klamath National Forest Closure Orders and plan their hunting trips accordingly.

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.nwcg.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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