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News Release

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Happy Camp Complex Morning Update August 25, 2014

Date Started: August 11, 2014

Size: 22,670 acres (total for the complex)

Containment: 20 percent

Estimated Containment Date: September 8, 2014

Estimated Cost to Date: \$16.2 million

Total Personnel: 1,989

Committed Resources: 60 crews, 8 helicopters, 104 engines, 16 dozers, 23 water tenders

Current Events: The Happy Camp Complex has been divided into two zones. The Type 1 California Interagency Incident Management Team will manage the east zone and the Type 2 Southern California Incident Management Team will manage the west zone.

The **Frying Pan Fire** is located in the west zone of the complex. It is currently 20,753 acres and 10 percent contained. The inversion over the fire is expected moderate fire activity again in the morning hours preventing significant growth.

The **Faulkstein Fire** is currently 1,917 acres and remains 0 percent contained. It is located in the east zone of the complex. The Type 1 Team is scouting the fire and developing a fire suppression strategy. The Faulkstein is currently burning in a north- northwest direction towards Huckleberry Mountain and Grider Ridge.

Both fires will burn into the 2002 Stanza Fire burn area, which will help temper fire behavior.

Weather and Fire Behavior: High pressure is expected to build off the north coast of California, gradually shifting east over the fire area on Tuesday. It will bring a drying trend through Friday along with light east and northeast winds. The hottest and driest days will be Tuesday and Wednesday. A thermal trough may migrate westward over the west coast which could increase the easterly wind speeds during the middle of the week. Expect smoke, with inversions breaking around 1p.m. The fire environment will be under the influence of a strengthening high pressure system with stable conditions and little wind influence. Surface and ground fire will remain active under the inversion due to a prolonged drying of fuels and continued hot and dry weather. **Frying Pan Fire:** Fire spread will continue to slowly push out to the east, burning up Grider Ridge and continue northeast up into China Creek and Wolf Creek.

Faulkstein Fire: Fire behavior will increase compared to the limited growth it exhibited during the past week. Fire spread should be uphill towards Huckleberry Mountain and into Cliff Valley to the northwest.

Safety: Firefighters and their vehicles are present along Highway 96 and the Scott River Road. Motorists should slow down and limit distractions to help keep everyone safe when driving through the fire areas.

Air quality along the Klamath River drainage is affected by smoke from the Frying Pan and Faulkstein Fires. For more information about air quality in the area, please visit:

<http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>

A Clean Air Respite Center is available at the Karuk Tribe Senior Nutrition Center in Happy Camp (64101 Second Avenue). The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will remain open longer if needed due to smoky conditions.

An **Evacuation Advisory**, issued August 13, 2014, continues for residents of Happy Camp along China Grade Road from Elk Creek Bridge to Frying Pan Creek. China Grade Road is open to residents only.

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