

the inversion breaks, and if the winds strengthen and atmospheric conditions become more unstable as predicted, fire behavior would likely intensify and conditions would support rapid fire growth.

Safety: Firefighter and public safety is always the first priority for management teams. Some snags are standing but unstable due to roots that have been burned out by the fire. They are unstable and susceptible to falling at any time, even without strong winds. Two vehicles have been significantly damaged on this incident from falling snags. No firefighters were injured. The real hazard that snags represent directly affects firefighting strategy and tactics.



Snag-damaged firefighting vehicle from the Frying Pan Fire.

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.

Air quality: High pressure remains in place over the area today. Light winds this morning will become westerly by midday. Smoke that is impacting the communities east of the fires should lessen for a few hours early in the day but is likely to return as fire activity increases this afternoon and evening. Impacts are likely to be highest in Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, Sawyers Bar, Yreka, and Scott Valley again today.

For more information about air quality in the area, visit <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>

Evacuations issued August 27, 2014: Due to increased fire activity with long-range spotting of the Faulkstein Fire to the northeast, Incident Commanders have advised the Siskiyou County Sheriff and Siskiyou Office of Emergency Services of the need to initiate evacuations. Effective immediately, the following areas will be under evacuation orders:

Mandatory Evacuation

- Scott River Road from Bridge Flat to the intersection of Hwy 96
- All areas south of Hwy 96 between Scott River Road and Grider Creek

Advisory Evacuation

- All areas north of Hwy 96 between Scott River Road and Grider Creek

An evacuation center has been established at Winema Hall at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds, 1712 Fairlane Road, Yreka. Both large and small animals will be accommodated at the Fairgrounds. Large animal transport can be arranged through the Sheriff's Posse. Contact Jodi Aceves, (530) 340-2422 to arrange transport.

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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