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Happy Camp Complex Morning Update Thursday, September 11, 2014

Date Started: August 11, 2014

Size of the complex: 107,359 acres

Containment for the complex: 30 percent

Estimated Containment Date: September 20, 2014

Structures Damaged or Destroyed: 8

Total Personnel: 2,770

Resources: 75 crews, 13 helicopters, 131 engines, 18 dozers, 46 water tenders

On September 7th two outbuildings were destroyed in the Deep Creek area. On September 8th two residences and two outbuildings were destroyed and two outbuildings were damaged along Scott River Road in the area of McGuffy Creek. For a slideshow on what occurred during the firefight to protect the structures in that area, go to http://youtu.be/X15285_UvgM.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The Red Flag Warning from last night will expire at 10 a.m. today. However, a Fire Weather Watch will be in place tonight from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday. The warming and drying trend will continue today. Winds are expected from the northeast at 8-10 mph, becoming variable at 3-6 mph around noon. Smoke is expected to linger in canyon bottoms, where it will shade vegetation and decrease fire activity. Under these conditions, fire should back downhill slowly. Unburned islands within the fire perimeter are expected to burn. If the smoke lifts in the afternoon and fuels become exposed to the sunlight, fire activity will increase, with possible torching of trees and crown runs. Limited visibility due to smoke may limit support by helicopters.

Operations: Yesterday the fire grew 2,165 acres as fire burned through unburned areas adjacent to Scott River Road and on the far south end of the fire. Crews mopped up along the lower Scott River Road and have successfully contained the spot fires east of Scott River. Fire has burned down to Scott River Road as far south as Bridge Flat. Firefighters have successfully kept the fire from crossing the road and are gaining in containment of the fire. In the Kelsey Creek drainage on the south flank, firefighters completed hand line and have held the fire north of a fireline from Cayenne Ridge to the mouth of Kelsey Creek. Crews set up structure protection in the area of Turk Lake near the fire's southern tip. Firefighters expect the fire to move south until it reaches the Man Fire currently burning to the south and the 2008 Panther Fire on the west. To prevent the fire from moving east, firefighters will utilize a control line from King's Castle Mountain (near Paradise Lake) approximately three miles south to Marble

Mountain. On the western and northern perimeters, firefighters continue work to repair fireline and retrieve firefighting equipment.

Traffic Control: Scott River Road is closed from Hwy 96 to Indian Scotty Campground. Mill Creek Road is closed. Residents leaving the Scott Bar area should avoid travelling south on Scott River Road into the active fire area.

Evacuations: There was no change in evacuation status overnight. For current evacuation information go to the Siskiyou County Sheriff's website at <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/content/emergency-information>.

Two evacuation centers are available: Winema Hall at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds in Yreka and Happy Camp Karuk Tribal Community Center in Happy Camp. For assistance with livestock evacuation, or for more information, please contact the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department at (530) 841-2900.

CodeRED Emergency Alert System: Siskiyou County residents are encouraged to enter their home, business and cell-phone numbers, so the automated CodeRED system can contact them in the event of an emergency. Registration is simple, free and confidential. Please visit: www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/content/codered-emergency-alert-system.

Forest Closures and Restrictions: Some roads, trails and lands in the Klamath National Forest within and adjacent to the Happy Camp Complex, the July Complex and the Beaver Fire have been closed to protect the public and firefighters. Please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/4036/> for details and maps of closure areas. Approximately 75 percent of the Klamath National Forest remains open to public use.

Safety: Drivers on Hwy 96 and other roads near the fire should exercise extreme caution. Expect heavy traffic and fire equipment on roads.

Air Quality: A Clean Air Respite Center is located at the Karuk Tribe Senior Nutrition Center at 64101 Second Ave. in Happy Camp. The center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours when smoke conditions worsen. For detailed air quality information, visit <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>.

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