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Firefighting Resources on the Gap Fire

Crews	59
Engines	110
Dozers	29
Helicopters	13
Fixed Wing Aircraft	Ordered as needed
Total resources	2049

Gap Fire Morning Update: September 4, 2016

Happy Camp, CA – The Gap Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest. As of 6:00 a.m. it is 23,896 acres and 25% contained.

- **There will be a public meeting this afternoon, September 4, at the Seiad Valley Fire Department at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Mandatory evacuations remain in place this morning for both sides of Highway 96 between Scott River Road and Walker Gulch including Hamburg.**
- **Mandatory evacuations remain for residences on Ladd Road west from Hick’s Gulch to Walker Gulch on the north side of the Klamath River.**
- **The hard closure for Highway 96 between Scott River Road and Walker Gulch including Hamburg has been lifted but motorists should expect ongoing temporary closures along Highway 96.**
- Advisory evacuations remain issued for residents along Highway 96 west from Walker Gulch; including the community of Seiad Valley, and along the Seiad Creek Road from Seiad Valley to Panther Gulch.
- Scott Bar remains under an evacuation advisory.
- No additional structures have been damaged or destroyed by the Gap Fire since the initial fire activity on August 28, 2016.

After a quiet day yesterday, fire activity picked up in the evening as the inversion lifted. Spotting occurred south of the Klamath River and north of Highway 96 near residences, prompting fire managers to request a mandatory evacuation and road closure for the area. The spots were extinguished in the evening, and firefighters were able to hold the fire north of Highway 96. While the road is currently open, temporary hard closures are likely as crews respond to events like this.

Aside from earlier activity, the fire was relatively quiet overnight. Crews made good progress preparing line for firing operations on the northern most section of the fire, on road system south of the Pacific Crest Trail. They will fire that line as conditions permit today. Firefighters maintained good containment around the east and west sides of the fire overnight.

Priorities today are to mop up and hold lines around the fire, and to prepare for anticipated fire activity as the inversion lifts in the late afternoon. Low-intensity firing operations are planned to continue (should conditions permit) on the indirect fireline on the north side of the fire and along Buckhorn Ridge. Structure assessment will continue along the Highway 96 corridor.

A Forest Closure is in effect for areas affected by the Gap Fire on the Klamath National Forest. The Beaver Creek Road is closed at the intersection with West Beaver Creek Road (47N01). This change allows public access east on the Beaver Creek Road (48N01).

The cause of the Gap Fire is still under investigation. If you have information pertaining to the fire investigation, please contact the US Forest Service Tipline for the Klamath National Forest at 530-841-4474.

For additional information and pictures, please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4997/>

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