

News Release



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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5501/>

Salmon-August Complex Update August 25, 2017

Date Started: August 11, 2017

Total Size: 12,565.5 acres

Cumulative Containment: 16%

Total Personnel: 1,156

Operational update: Fire behavior was moderate overnight due to a smoke inversion layer that remains over the incident. Predicted higher temperatures and lower humidity beginning this afternoon and continuing over the next few days could lead to increased fire behavior. Firefighters continue to work to contain spot fires north of the PCT to prevent spread into the Scott Valley.

On the Wallow Fire crews are looking for opportunities to suppress the fire along the northern edge while strengthening and holding line along the PCT. Firefighters continue to suppress and cut line around the spot fires east of the PCT. Dozers will continue their efforts to put in fire line and open access for firefighters.

Currently there are no evacuation warnings or orders in place. Residents should, however, be prepared to evacuate when notified. Information on evacuation preparedness can be found at <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>.

There are over 1,100 personnel working on the Salmon August Complex Fires. Crews are encountering steep and difficult terrain and wildlife, including bears. The heavy concentration of down and dead brush, snags, and rocky uneven terrain make foot travel slow and dangerous. Temperatures are expected to increase and relative humidity will decrease in the next few days, with highs in the upper 90's with a relative humidity in the low teens.

The Pacific Crest Trail is closed from Etna Summit north to Lovers Camp Trailhead (Forest Trail No. 5532). Forest Closure Order 17-05-799 remains in effect and is being revised to include Lovers Camp Trailhead (Forest Trail No. 5532) for the Salmon-August Complex as follows:

Forest Trail No. 5419 (Cabin Gulch Trail).

Forest Trail No. 5401 (Right Hand Fork Trail).

Forest Trail No. 5405 (North Fork Salmon Trail), beginning at the Mule Bridge Trailhead Developed

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Recreation Site and continuing northerly to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 5401 (Right Hand Fork Trail).

Forest Trail No. 2000 (Pacific Crest Trail), beginning at its intersection with County Road No. 1C01 (Sawyer Bar Road) and continuing northerly to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 5545 (Kidder Creek Trail)

Forest Trail No. 5403 (Bug Gulch Trail), beginning at its intersection with Forest Trail No. 5401 (Right Hand Fork Trail) and continuing westerly to its intersection with Grant Creek.

Wallow Fire: 10,598 acres; 16% containment. Fire fighters continue to extinguish and contain the spot fires that crossed the Pacific Crest Trail with ground crews and bulldozers. There have been no new spot fires identified.

Island Fire: 1,590 acres; 60% confinement. The fire is in a confined strategy; allowing the fire to continue to burn to the west until it burns itself out. The fire continues to be monitored by fire fighters to ensure this.

Mary Fire: 102 acres; 10% containment; located five miles south of Cecilville on the divide between the Klamath and Shasta Trinity National Forests. Firefighters recently completed a containment line to limit fire spread through fuels to the northeast of the fire. This fire is the number two priority for the complex.

Rush Fire: ½ acre 100% fully suppressed.

Grizzly Fire: 90 acres; 100% containment. Monitor and assess for any future operation needs.

Pointers Fire: 2.5 acres; 100% containment.

Garden Fire: 183 acres; 100% containment.

Residents within Siskiyou County can expect to see smoke for the next several days, from this complex and surrounding fires. A daily Air Quality Report is posted on the fire's Inciweb page.

For updated fire information, please visit InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5501/>

For updated smoke forecasts, please visit <http://bit.ly/2uSYloh>

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