

News Release



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

Salmon-August Complex Update September 7, 2017

Date Started: August 13, 2017*

Total Size: 65,193 acres

Cumulative Containment: 14%

Total Personnel: 1,398

Operational update: Though the Wallow Fire remains very active, easterly winds provided enough smoke clearing and visibility to utilize aerial resources. A Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT), which carries 19,600 gallons of retardant, reinforced containment lines west of Whiskey Butte. Dry ground fuels, gusty winds, spotting, and steep terrain continue to produce rapid fire spread in isolated areas of the Wallow Fire. The priority areas of the Wallow Fire are the northeast, east and southern portions of the fire, where private property and structures exist. Crews are diligently constructing containment lines around these areas, where it is safe to do so. At the same time, firefighters are preparing property and structures closest to the fire edge. Crews and engines continue to patrol, mitigate and monitor the fire overnight.

The current red flag warning is still in effect through tonight. The recent weather pattern has been unsettled, producing gusty winds and isolated thunderstorms. The weather forecast is calling for continued thunderstorms, rain and abundant lightning. Some of the current resources on this incident will be assigned to support initial attack for new, local fire starts.

The current evacuation warning for the Sawyers Bar Road and Salmon River Road is still in place. This area includes Nordheimer Flat to Etna Summit. As many crews and equipment are still working in this area, please be cautious of personnel working along the road and keep vehicle speed to a minimum.

There will be a **community meeting** held in Etna at the Etna High School today at 6:00 p.m.

Etna High School
700 Howell Ave.
Etna, CA 96027

A forest closure order is in effect for the portions of Marble Mountain Wilderness until the fire is declared out. The Pacific Crest Trail No. 2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) is included in the new closure from the intersection with Forest Trail No. 5545 (Kidder Creek Trail) to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 5542 (Shackleford Trail). Details of closure points can be found on InciWeb at

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

** The August 11th date was the start date of the Wallow Fire. The August 13th date reflects when the fires were designated as the Salmon August complex.*

Wallow Fire: 64,743 acres; 15% containment. Fire fighters will continue to construct and improve lines on the north and east areas of the fire.

Mary Fire: 91 acres; 70% containment; located five miles south of Cecilville on the divide between the Klamath and Shasta Trinity National Forests. The fire will continue to be monitored.

Rush Fire: 3 acres; 100% containment. The fire will continue to be monitored.

Grizzly Fire: 90 acres; 100% containment. The fire will continue to be monitored.

Garden Fire: 266 acres; 100% containment.

Residents within Siskiyou County will continue to experience smoke impacts from this complex and surrounding fires. A daily Air Quality Report is posted on the fire's Inciweb page. For updated smoke forecasts, please visit this link: <http://bit.ly/2uSYloh>

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

For evacuation information, please visit CODE RED: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/content/codered-emergency-alert-system>

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