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Slater and Devil Fires Update

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Slater Fire

North Zone: Smoke was visible today as isolated interior areas of the fire burned when the inversion lifted and ridgetop winds blew. Crews are working as close to the fire as they can to keep the fire from growing. The fire's movement to the southwest and south has slowed as the fire burns into old fire scars.

Hand crews and dozers have been working west of Highway 199 to construct indirect control lines. Crews have almost completed the lines from Highway 199 along Monkey Ridge and back around the top of the fire to Highway 199.

Mop up activities are nearly complete on the northwest side of the fire. Night crews monitored the burn operations south of Holland to secure that edge of the fire. Firefighters are reinforcing indirect lines in the northeast section, south of Oregon Caves National Monument, to protect the monument.

South Zone: With a lot of black line along the south side of the fire around Happy Camp, crews continue to patrol and reassign equipment to other areas of the fire. Firefighters continue to mop up and monitor along Highway 96, while helping fire back down into the Thompson Creek drainage. Protection remains behind residences in Seiad for now and firefighters are stationed there to defend that line.

Devil Fire

Devil Fire continues to burn mainly to the southwest. Winds could pick up to 10-15 miles per hour today coming from the southwest, with a chance that fire activity could increase. However, a small amount of rain is expected Wednesday night or Thursday.

The Slater fire is 150,230 acres and 24 percent contained. The Devil fire is 7,784 acres and 18 percent contained.

Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 2 will assume command of the entire Slater and Devil Fires (north and south zones) at 6 p.m. today, as California Interagency Incident Management Team 10 transitions out.

Weather

North Zone forecast calls for winds from the southwest 10-15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. South Zone forecast calls for west-southwest winds 5-10 mph with gusts up to 22 mph.

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Evacuations

Josephine County:

The Sheriff’s Office reduced the Level 3 “Go” status of the Dick George Road area to Level 2 “Be Set” for all residences located on the following road systems, including secondary roads: Takilma Rd from Holland Loop Rd to 7050 Takilma Rd, Dick George Rd, River Grove, Beaver Meadow, Ridge Vista, Glory Ln, Lamont Way, Shadow Wood Dr, Jackadel Ln and Kirkham Rd. The Cave Junction area was reduced to Level 1 “Be Ready.” All other evacuation levels remain the same.

Evacuation information is available at 541-474-5305 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.) or www.facebook.com/josephinecountyEM, www.co.josephine.or.us/fire, or www.rvem.org.

Siskiyou County:

Happy Camp is being repopulated as hazardous conditions are mitigated. Heavily damaged areas in Indian Meadows and Indian Creek are still evacuated as well as structures above Thompson Creek. Grayback Road is still closed for hazard tree and downed power line removal.

Evacuation information is available at 530-841-2900 or online at www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/.

Del Norte County:

Evacuation information is available at 707-464-7213 or online at www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices and www.preparedelnorte.com/.

Closures

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has extended the Regional Order temporarily closing nine national forests in California, including the Six Rivers and Klamath (including the part in Oregon) National Forests. This decision will continue to be reviewed daily with changing fire and weather conditions. The entire region is also under emergency fire restrictions.

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has temporarily closed the Wild Rivers Range District and Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District. Find closure orders and maps at www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notice.

The Bureau of Land Management Medford District temporarily closed many areas of public lands to support fire suppression efforts and to prevent new fire starts. Maps of the closure areas are available on the Bureau of Land Management's website: www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	150,230
Devil	7784
Containment:	
Slater	24%
Devil	18%
Injuries:	0
Fatalities:	2
Date detected:	9/7/2020
Cause:	Under investigation
Residences Lost:	150
Structures Threatened:	5,120
Structures Damaged:	11
Structures Lost (total):	438
Residential	197
Commercial	1
Mixed	5
Estimated cost:	\$15.4 million

Resources

Hand Crews:	23
Engines:	106
Helicopters:	16
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	19
Water tenders:	23
Total Personnel:	1243