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# News Release

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## FIRE SUMMARY

**Please note:** as of 6 a.m. tomorrow, the northern portion of the Slater and Devil Fire (including Gasquet and all of Oregon) will be managed by Northern Rockies Team 2 and the southern portion of the fire will continue to be managed by Team 10. Information for both fires will still be available at [www.facebook.com/SlaterAndDevilFireInformation](http://www.facebook.com/SlaterAndDevilFireInformation) and on InciWeb at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7173/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7173/)

**Oregon area:** Slater Fire operations were able to capitalize on another day under a heavy smoke inversion to build and strengthen direct fireline to protect structures in and around Illinois Valley. Note to Level 3 evacuees: We are working hard to get you back into your homes. We ask for your patience as we work to ensure your safety. Northern Rockies Team 2 will continue to work shoulder to shoulder with local fire, state, and federal firefighting resources to fight the north area of the Slater/Devil fire. For the latest information on evacuations, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/josephinecountyEM>

**Gasquet Area:** Firefighters continued to prepare and hold the Knopki Road to protect the town of Gasquet. Firefighters began to prepare contingency lines to help control the fire’s spread south and west, after the fire got established west of Highway 199 near the state line.

**Happy Camp Area:** The Slater Fire moved mostly very slowly today, but did put up a column of smoke along its northeast edge. Structure protection in the Hwy 96 corridor upriver of Happy Camp continued, while a handful of firefighters built direct fireline along the eastern edge of the Devil Fire today. Mop-up continued today in Happy Camp, where firelines are secure. Most evacuation orders there have been changed to evacuation advisories, while Pacific Power was able to restore power to the town today. [www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff](http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff)

**Fox Fire:** Klamath National Forest yesterday reported a new fire start on the Salmon Scott River Ranger District near Callahan. It’s estimated around 100 acres currently. Incident Management Team 10 will lend resources from the Slater Fire south zone.

	Acreage	Containment	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Water tenders	Helicopters
Slater	137,111	10%	14	74	3	11	7
Devil	5459	0%	*				

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\*fire is currently unstaffed.

### **EVACUATIONS**

California: EVACUATION ORDERS remain in effect for a few neighborhoods in Happy Camp where downed power lines and hazardous materials remain a concern. EVACUATION WARNINGS are still in place for most of Happy Camp including Elk Creek Road, and for Seiad along Highway 96, as well as for Gasquet, Hiouchi and Big Flat.

Oregon: Oregon, Level 3 "Go" orders are in effect in the O'Brien, and Takilma areas, Dick George Road (including most of Holland Loop) and Takilma Road areas, Brown Road, O'Brien and all areas south of Brown Road O'Brien. EVACUATION WARNINGS are in effect for Gasquet in California, while nearby communities of Hiouchi and Big Flat are on Level 1 "Get Ready" alert. Level 2 "Get Set" orders are in effect south of Kerby and Cave Junction areas in Oregon.

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

Current evacuation orders are posted on Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/](http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/).

For Del Norte County evacuation information, see

[www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices](http://www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices) or [www.preparedelnorte.com/](http://www.preparedelnorte.com/)

Evacuation order/warning info and other resources for Josephine County can be found by calling Josephine County Fire Information Center 541-474-5305 (7am-10pm) or online

at: <https://www.facebook.com/josephinecountyEM> , <https://www.co.josephine.or.us/fire> or [www.rvem.org](http://www.rvem.org)

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

Highway 199 remains closed from Panther Flat (north of Gasquet) to the California/Oregon state line and from O'Brien south across the stateline into California. Some other roads in Oregon are experiencing serious visibility impairments due to smoky conditions from the Slater Fire.

Highway 96 re-opened today to one-way controlled traffic. Expect delays and use caution when traveling. Air quality is currently classified as hazardous. If you have questions, please contact the Siskiyou Emergency Operations Center at (530) 643-3662.

### **PUBLIC LAND CLOSURES**

National Forest Closures, California: National Forests in California have been closed since September 9 and new closure orders have been issued to extend for 1 week. However, these orders are being assessed on a daily basis to consider cancelling or keeping open. More details on these closure orders, along with fire restrictions orders, can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7173/>

National Forest Closures, Oregon:

The Wild Rivers and Siskiyou Mountains Ranger Districts are currently closed due to extreme fire danger. These closures cover all National Forest forested areas, developed campgrounds, dispersed camping, day use areas, wilderness areas, and all forest roads and trails within those two Districts.

Bureau of Land Management Closures: As a result of extreme fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management Medford District has temporarily closed all Bureau of Land Management-administered



public lands south of Grants Pass, Interstate 5, and U.S. Route 199 to the border of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Maps of the closure areas are available on the [Bureau of Land Management's website](#).