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Slater and Devil Fires Update

Sunday, October 4, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Slater Fire - 155,004 acres and 55% containment

On the north and northwest flanks of the fire from the California border north and east to Holland, crews continue to mop up and extend the depth of containment line. On the northeast side of the fire, crews are working on constructing fire lines towards Swan Mountain. Air support is available and will be utilized when smoky conditions decrease.

The east side of the fire is holding on the west side of the Thompson Creek drainage.

Firefighters are also extending the depth of mop up and patrol efforts on the southern side of the fire area, and are putting out smoldering stumps and hot spots within fire lines where needed.

On the southwest part of the fire, firefighters are looking for containment opportunities in the Sanger Peak area, while also extending mop up and patrol efforts along Sanger Peak Road.

Both direct and indirect tactics are being used on the west side of the fire to prevent westward movement. Firefighters will continue to bring the fire down to containment lines in the Knopki Creek area east of Hwy 199.

The public will continue to see smoke from strategic firing operations and fuels that continue to burn and smolder in the interior of the fire. Crews are also clearing hazard trees on steep slopes along both sides of Grayback Road (Happy Camp Highway) between Takilma and Happy Camp.

Devil Fire - 8,531 acres and 25% containment

Mop up and patrol continue along the northern and southern areas of the fire, with lines holding along the Applegate River, 1040 Road, and Pacific Crest Trail. There is active fire in a snag patch to the east, but containment lines are holding. Crews will continue to patrol the southwest flank and work on direct line into the Fort Goff Creek area.



Weather and Fire Behavior

Temperatures will be slightly cooler today, with a trend toward slightly higher humidities. Winds will be out of the northeast, switching to the west/northwest in the afternoon. Isolated pockets of interior fuels continue to burn, with smoke remaining on the western edge of the fire, reducing visibility.

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Siskiyou County information: (530) 841-2900 or www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/

Del Norte County information: (707) 464-7213 or www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices and www.preparedelnorte.com/

Closures: The USDA Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Region’s Order, that closed some national forests in California, has been lifted for the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests; however, new fire area closure orders have been issued by these forests for the Slater Fire area in California. The region is under emergency fire restrictions, although the use of gas stoves is now allowed in open developed recreation sites. Find updated closure orders and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath and www.fs.usda.gov/srnf.

Portions of both the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest’s Wild Rivers Ranger District and Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District reopened for use. Some areas remain closed for emergency crews’ safety and to allow for fire suppression and burned area recovery. Find updated closure orders and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notice.

The Bureau of Land Management Medford District has public lands closures in effect near the Slater Fire and the South Obenchain Fire. Closure area maps are available at: www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	155,004
Devil	8,531
Containment:	
Slater	55%
Devil	25%
Injuries:	3
Fatalities:	2
Date detected:	9/8/2020
Cause:	Under investigation
Structures Threatened:	150
Structures Damaged:	11
Structures Lost (total):	440
Residential	197
Commercial	1
Mixed	5
Other	237
Estimated cost:	
Slater	\$32.9 million
Devil	\$494,000

Resources

Hand Crews:	13
Engines:	47
Helicopters:	6
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	16
Water tenders:	15
Total Personnel:	692

